

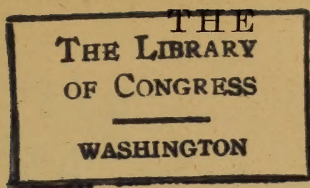


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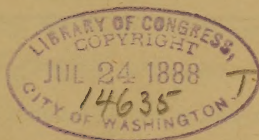


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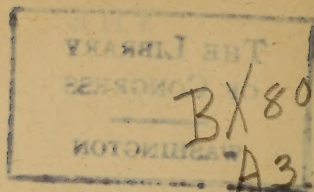
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PREFACE.

THE Common Service here offered for the use of Evangelical Lutheran Congregations has been prepared by the joint action of the three General Bodies with which most of the Lutheran Congregations using the English language in public worship are connected. The General Synod South, in 1878, proposed to the General Synod and the General Council, to unite in the preparation of a Common Service Book for all English-speaking Lutherans. The proposal was accepted, and the three Bodies united in establishing the Rule by which those charged with the preparation of the work should be guided, and by which all questions arising should be decided, to wit: "The common consent of the pure Lutheran Liturgies of the Sixteenth Century, and when there is not an entire agreement among them, the consent of the largest number of those of greatest weight."

The Lutheran Reformers began early to revise and purify the Service of the Church, and to introduce the language of the people. Luther led the way in this work, in 1523, with his treatises: "Of the Order of Divine Service in the Congregation," and, later in the same year, his "Form of the Mass and of Communion for the Church at Wittenberg." John Bugenhagen, chief pastor at Wittenberg, published "An Order of Christian Mass, as it is held at Wittenberg, 1524;" and in December of that year, Conrad Rupff, the Chapel Master of the Duke of Saxony, and especially his assistant and successor, John Walther, aided Luther in arranging music for the Service in German, and the whole chapel came from Torgau to take part in its introduction. In 1525 Doeber's Evangelical Mass was introduced at Nürnberg, and the "Teutsch Kirchenampt," at

Strasburg. "The Order of Government and Worship" for the Duchy of Prussia was issued in 1525, that for Brunswick in 1528, that for Hamburg in 1529, and during the next few years, a large number of cities and countries in Germany issued their German Orders of Service. In 1533 three Orders of great importance appeared: that for Brandenburg-Nürnberg; that for the city and jurisdiction of Wittenberg, which superseded the personal Orders of Luther and Bugenhagen and thereafter was used by them; and that for the whole Electoral Saxony, in the Visitation Articles.

That in the multitude of these works, the directions for the Services of Worship should at first differ from each other, is but natural. But, after a time, these divergencies take a more definite form, and there appears in Saxony and throughout the countries North of it, the most generally accepted type of Lutheran Liturgies. When, after the death of Duke George, the reformation took place in the Duchy of Saxony, Justus Jonas prepared the Order of Government and Worship, 1539, with the aid of Spalatin, Cruciger and Myconius, and in consultation with all the Saxon theologians, and it became at once and permanently a standard of Lutheran Service. To this class of Lutheran Liturgies belong also those of Mecklenburg, Lüneburg, Calenberg, and of many North German cities and States, in their successive editions, in whose preparation Bugenhagen, Melanchthon, Chemnitz, Andreae, Arndt, and other illustrious men had part.

The Common Service here presented is intended to reproduce in English the *consensus* of these pure Lutheran Liturgies. It is therefore no new Service, such as the personal tastes of those who have prepared it would have selected and arranged; but it is the old Lutheran Service, prepared by the men whom God raised up to reform the Service, as well as the doctrine and life of the Church, and whom He plenteously endowed with the gifts of the Holy Ghost.

The Lutheran Liturgies of the Sixteenth Century were

not new and original works, created by the Reformers, but they were chiefly revisions of the Services of the Latin Church, with some additions, all however in the language of the people. The Sermon has a greatly increased importance, and the purity of doctrine is most carefully guarded; church-song takes a new flight; an addition is made here and there, as of the General Prayer, the Exhortation to Communicants, or some other new feature; but the whole outline and structure of the Service of the Western Church for a thousand years before the Reformation is preserved. Whatever seemed to the Reformers to be contrary to the pure teaching of Holy Scripture was removed, whatever was pure and Scriptural was retained in the old order of parts, and thus the continuous succession of pure Service was unbroken.

The whole series of Introits, Collects, Epistles and Gospels, as found in the Common Service, was finally completed, after some centuries of growth, in the reign and domain of Charlemagne, and is found in the Missals of the German and French Provinces of that time. Though differing from the Roman use, it continued in force in Germany until the Reformation, and it was finally set aside by the Council of Trent. Of the Sunday Collects, there are but few which have not been in continuous use for more than twelve hundred years. With some difference in the days for which they are appointed, most of these beautiful Collects are now in use in all Roman Catholic Churches, though only in Latin; in the Lutheran Churches of Germany, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, the United States, and wherever scattered throughout the world; and in the Church of England throughout the whole empire, as well as in the Protestant Episcopal Church in this country. Here is indeed a Communion of Saints.

In the Providence of God, it was allotted to the Lutheran Church, first of all, to revise, purify and translate the Service at the time of the Reformation. She did this important work, not for herself alone, but for all Protestants who retained any parts of the old Service. The Lutheran

Revision of the Communion Service had been issued in many editions, for use in many States and cities, had been fully tested by more than twenty years of continuous use, and had even, at Luther's instigation, been provided with complete music, varied for all the Festivals, for full Choral Service, and issued in a superb folio volume, before the revision of the old Service was made by the Anglican Church and issued in the First Prayer Book of Edward VI.

There is an extremely close agreement between this first Prayer Book of the Church of England and the Common Service. It is due to these causes. The Sarum and other Anglican Missals, from which the revision and translation was made, agreed almost entirely with the Bamberg, Mainz, and other German Missals, differing with them from the Roman. Archbishop Cranmer, Primate of the Anglican Church, and head of the commission which prepared the Prayer Book, was intimately acquainted with the Lutheran Service, having spent a year and a half in Germany in conference with theologians and princes, and he was most intimate with Osiander when he was at work on the Brandenburg-Nürnberg Order, in 1532. Two Lutheran Professors were called to the English Universities, and aided in this work, one of whom, Bucer, had with Melanchthon and others prepared the Revised Order of Cologne, 1543. And finally, during the years from 1535 to 1549, there had been constantly recurring embassies and conferences between the Anglican and Lutheran divines and rulers. It is therefore not at all strange that the first and best Service Book of the Church of England should have so closely followed the Lutheran use as to present very few divergencies from it. And should that Church and her daughters return to the use of the Book of Edward VI., as many of her most learned and devout members have ever wished, there would be an almost entire harmony in the Services of Worship between the two daughters of the Reformation, who both have purified and then have preserved the Services of the Christian Church of the olden time.

This Common Service is in its newest parts as old as the time of the Reformation ; in its order and in the great body of its contents, it represents the pure Service of the Christian Church of the West from the earliest times ; it embraces all the essentials of worship from the establishment of the Christian Church on earth ; and it has given expression to the devotions of countless millions of believers, throughout many generations. It can lay claim, as no other Order of Service now in use can, to be the Common Service of the Christian Church of all ages. It can reasonably be tendered to all Protestants, who use a fixed order, as the Service of the future, as it is of the past.

But no Order of Service, however pure, ancient, or widely observed, can be made absolutely binding on the Congregation. The ordering of the Services of Worship has been placed by Christ in the liberty of the Church, under the guidance of the Holy Ghost. On this subject our Confessions are very clear. "Unto the true unity of the Church, it is sufficient to agree concerning the doctrine of the Gospel and the administration of the Sacraments. Nor is it necessary that human traditions, rites, or ceremonies instituted by men, should be alike everywhere." *Augsburg Confession, Art. VII.* "We believe that the true unity of the Church is not injured by dissimilar rites, instituted by men. Although it is pleasing to us that, for the sake of unity and good order, universal rites be observed." *Apology, Chap. IV. 33.* "We believe, teach, and confess, that the Church of God of every place and every time has the power, according to its circumstances, to change such ceremonies, in such manner as may be most useful and edifying to the Church of God." *Formula of Concord, I, Chap. X. 4.* "We reject and condemn as wrong when these ordinances of men are urged by force upon the Congregation of God as necessary." *II. Chap. X. 27.* On the other hand, our Confessors are equally clear in affirming their belief that such ancient Services as were pure should be retained. "But we cheerfully maintain the old traditions made in the Church for the sake of usefulness and tran-

quillity; and our enemies falsely accuse us of abolishing good ordinances." *Apology, VIII. 38, 39.* And they showed the sincerity of this conviction practically, by their revision of the old Services, and the establishment of the revised order in every Lutheran land and city.

In agreement with this principle and practice, the General Bodies which have prepared the Common Service, commend it to all Lutheran Congregations. But at the same time they declare that they dare not make any order of service binding on the congregation, and that no Order of Service should be used any longer than it serves to edification. They have agreed to furnish the full Lutheran Service, with all its provisions, for all who wish to use it. But they also declare, that if, at any time or place, the use of the full Service is not desired, it is in entire conformity with good Lutheran usage to use a simpler Service, in which only the principal parts, in their order, are contained.

This Service has, during its preparation, received the approval of those connected with the several General Bodies engaged in it, with a remarkable unanimity. There seems to be a strong desire for this bond of union; a general wish for the restoration of the pure Services of our Fathers; a hearty consent to the principles which ruled them in their revision of the old Services; a longing for unity in the services of worship between all believers; and a conviction that a historic Service furnishes the only basis of such agreement.

This Common Service of the Reformers may well be placed by the side of the Confession of Augsburg, the one the Central Service, the other the Central Confession, of the Protestant Churches. We would gladly behold the day when the One, Holy, Catholic, Christian Church, shall use one Order of Service, and unite in one Confession of Faith.

Holy Week, 1888.

FESTIVALS OF THE CHURCH.

I.

IMMOVEABLE FESTIVALS.

CHIEF FESTIVALS.

| | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Christmas, or the Nativity of our Lord | December 25. |
| The Circumcision of Christ, and New Year's Day . . | January 1. |
| The Epiphany, or the Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles | January 6. |
| The Festival of the Reformation | October 31. |

MINOR FESTIVALS,

OBSERVED IN SOME PARTS OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH.

| | |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| St. Andrew the Apostle's Day | November 30. |
| St. Thomas the Apostle's Day | December 21. |
| St. Stephen the Martyr's Day | December 26. |
| St. John the Apostle's Day | December 27. |
| The Conversion of St. Paul | January 25. |
| The Presentation of Christ | February 2. |
| St. Matthias the Apostle's Day | February 24. |
| The Annunciation | March 25. |
| St. Philip and St. James the Apostles' Day | May 1. |
| The Birthday of St. John the Baptist | June 24. |
| St. Peter and St. Paul the Apostles' Day | June 29. |
| The Visitation | July 2. |
| St. James the elder, the Apostle's Day | July 25. |
| St. Bartholomew the Apostle's Day | August 24. |
| St. Matthew the Apostle's Day | September 21. |
| St. Michael the Archangel's Day | September 29. |
| St. Simon and St. Jude the Apostles' Day | October 28. |

II. MOVEABLE FESTIVALS.

R U L E S

TO FIND THE MOVEABLE FESTIVALS.

THE Moveable Festivals all depend upon *Easter* except *Advent*.

Advent Sunday is always the nearest *Sunday* to the thirtieth day of *November*, whether before or after.

Easter is always the first *Sunday* after the Full Moon which happens upon, or next after the twenty-first day of *March*; and if the Full Moon happen upon a *Sunday*, *Easter* is the *Sunday* after.

The time of *Easter* being found, the other *Festivals* occur as follows: *Septuagesima Sunday* is nine weeks before *Easter*.

Ash Wednesday, or the beginning of *Lent*, is forty-six days before *Easter*.

Palm Sunday, or the beginning of *Holy Week*, is eight days before *Easter*.

Holy Thursday is the *Thursday* before *Easter*.

Good Friday is the *Friday* before *Easter*.

Ascension Day is forty days after *Easter*.

Whitsunday is seven weeks after *Easter*.

Trinity Sunday is eight weeks after *Easter*.

A TABLE OF THE DAYS ON WHICH EASTER WILL FALL FROM 1888-2003.

| | | | |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1888. April 1 | 1917. April 8 | 1946. April 21 | 1975. March 30 |
| 1889. " 21 | 1918. March 31 | 1947. " 6 | 1976. April 18 |
| 1890. " 6 | 1919. April 20 | 1948. March 28 | 1977. " 10 |
| 1891. March 29 | 1920. " 4 | 1949. April 17 | 1978. March 26 |
| 1892. April 17 | 1921. March 27 | 1950. " 9 | 1979. April 15 |
| 1893. " 2 | 1922. April 16 | 1951. March 25 | 1980. " 6 |
| 1894. March 25 | 1923. " 1 | 1952. April 13 | 1981. " 19 |
| 1895. April 14 | 1924. " 20 | 1953. " 5 | 1982. " 11 |
| 1896. " 5 | 1925. " 12 | 1954. " 18 | 1983. " 3 |
| 1897. " 18 | 1926. " 4 | 1955. " 10 | 1984. " 22 |
| 1898. " 10 | 1927. " 17 | 1956. " 1 | 1985. " 7 |
| 1899. " 2 | 1928. " 8 | 1957. " 21 | 1986. March 30 |
| 1900. " 15 | 1929. March 31 | 1958. " 6 | 1987. April 19 |
| 1901. " 7 | 1930. April 20 | 1959. March 29 | 1988. " 3 |
| 1902. March 30 | 1931. " 5 | 1960. April 17 | 1989. March 26 |
| 1903. April 12 | 1932. March 27 | 1961. " 2 | 1990. April 15 |
| 1904. " 3 | 1933. April 16 | 1962. " 22 | 1991. March 31 |
| 1905. " 23 | 1934. " 1 | 1963. " 14 | 1992. April 19 |
| 1906. " 15 | 1935. " 21 | 1964. March 29 | 1993. " 11 |
| 1907. March 31 | 1936. " 12 | 1965. April 18 | 1994. " 3 |
| 1908. April 19 | 1937. March 28 | 1966. " 10 | 1995. " 16 |
| 1909. " 11 | 1938. April 17 | 1967. March 26 | 1996. " 7 |
| 1910. March 27 | 1939. " 9 | 1968. April 14 | 1997. March 30 |
| 1911. April 16 | 1940. March 24 | 1969. " 6 | 1998. April 12 |
| 1912. " 7 | 1941. April 13 | 1970. March 29 | 1999. " 4 |
| 1913. March 23 | 1942. " 5 | 1971. April 11 | 2000. " 23 |
| 1914. April 12 | 1943. " 25 | 1972. " 2 | 2001. " 15 |
| 1915. " 4 | 1944. " 9 | 1973. " 22 | 2002. March 31 |
| 1916. " 23 | 1945. " 1 | 1974. " 14 | 2003. April 20 |

A TABLE OF THE MOVEABLE FESTIVALS,
According to the several days that Easter can possibly fall upon.

| Easter. | | Sundays after Epiphany.* | | Septuagesima Sunday. | | Ash Wednesday. | | Ascension Day. | | Whitsunday. | | Sundays after Trinity. | | First Advent Sunday. | |
|---------|----|--------------------------|------|----------------------|------|----------------|-------|----------------|------|-------------|----|------------------------|----|----------------------|--|
| March | 22 | 1 | Jan. | 18 | Feb. | 4 | April | 30 | May | 10 | 27 | Nov. | 29 | | |
| " | 23 | 1 | " | 19 | " | 5 | May | 1 | " | 11 | 27 | " | 30 | | |
| " | 24 | 1 | " | 20 | " | 6 | " | 2 | " | 12 | 27 | Dec. | 1 | | |
| " | 25 | 2 | " | 21 | " | 7 | " | 3 | " | 13 | 27 | " | 2 | | |
| " | 26 | 2 | " | 22 | " | 8 | " | 4 | " | 14 | 27 | " | 3 | | |
| " | 27 | 2 | " | 23 | " | 9 | " | 5 | " | 15 | 26 | Nov. | 27 | | |
| " | 28 | 2 | " | 24 | " | 10 | " | 6 | " | 16 | 26 | " | 28 | | |
| " | 29 | 2 | " | 25 | " | 11 | " | 7 | " | 17 | 26 | " | 29 | | |
| " | 30 | 2 | " | 26 | " | 12 | " | 8 | " | 18 | 26 | " | 30 | | |
| " | 31 | 2 | " | 27 | " | 13 | " | 9 | " | 19 | 26 | Dec. | 1 | | |
| April | 1 | 3 | " | 28 | " | 14 | " | 10 | " | 20 | 26 | " | 2 | | |
| " | 2 | 3 | " | 29 | " | 15 | " | 11 | " | 21 | 26 | " | 3 | | |
| " | 3 | 3 | " | 30 | " | 16 | " | 12 | " | 22 | 25 | Nov. | 27 | | |
| " | 4 | 3 | " | 31 | " | 17 | " | 13 | " | 23 | 25 | " | 28 | | |
| " | 5 | 3 | Feb. | 1 | " | 18 | " | 14 | " | 24 | 25 | " | 29 | | |
| " | 6 | 3 | " | 2 | " | 19 | " | 15 | " | 25 | 25 | " | 30 | | |
| " | 7 | 3 | " | 3 | " | 20 | " | 16 | " | 26 | 25 | Dec. | 1 | | |
| " | 8 | 4 | " | 4 | " | 21 | " | 17 | " | 27 | 25 | " | 2 | | |
| " | 9 | 4 | " | 5 | " | 22 | " | 18 | " | 28 | 25 | " | 3 | | |
| " | 10 | 4 | " | 6 | " | 23 | " | 19 | " | 29 | 24 | Nov. | 27 | | |
| " | 11 | 4 | " | 7 | " | 24 | " | 20 | " | 30 | 24 | " | 28 | | |
| " | 12 | 4 | " | 8 | " | 25 | " | 21 | " | 31 | 24 | " | 29 | | |
| " | 13 | 4 | " | 9 | " | 26 | " | 22 | June | 1 | 24 | " | 30 | | |
| " | 14 | 4 | " | 10 | " | 27 | " | 23 | " | 2 | 24 | Dec. | 1 | | |
| " | 15 | 5 | " | 11 | " | 28 | " | 24 | " | 3 | 24 | " | 2 | | |
| " | 16 | 5 | " | 12 | Mar. | 1 | " | 25 | " | 4 | 24 | " | 3 | | |
| " | 17 | 5 | " | 13 | " | 2 | " | 26 | " | 5 | 23 | Nov. | 27 | | |
| " | 18 | 5 | " | 14 | " | 3 | " | 27 | " | 6 | 23 | " | 28 | | |
| " | 19 | 5 | " | 15 | " | 4 | " | 28 | " | 7 | 23 | " | 29 | | |
| " | 20 | 5 | " | 16 | " | 5 | " | 29 | " | 8 | 23 | " | 30 | | |
| " | 21 | 5 | " | 17 | " | 6 | " | 30 | " | 9 | 23 | Dec. | 1 | | |
| " | 22 | 6 | " | 18 | " | 7 | " | 31 | " | 10 | 23 | " | 2 | | |
| " | 23 | 6 | " | 19 | " | 8 | June | 1 | " | 11 | 23 | " | 3 | | |
| " | 24 | 6 | " | 20 | " | 9 | " | 2 | " | 12 | 22 | Nov. | 27 | | |
| " | 25 | 6 | " | 21 | " | 10 | " | 3 | " | 13 | 22 | " | 28 | | |

* In a Leap Year, the number of Sundays after Epiphany is the same as if Easter had fallen one day later than it really does; and Septuagesima Sunday and Ash Wednesday fall one day later than that given in the Table, unless the Table gives some day in March for Ash Wednesday; for in that case the day in the table is right.

TABLE OF THE EPISTLES AND GOSPELS
For the Sundays and Festivals of the Church - Year.

| SUNDAYS AND CHIEF FESTIVALS. | EPISTLES. | GOSPELS. |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <i>Sundays in Advent.</i> | | |
| 1 _____ | Romans—xiii. 11-14. | Matthew—xxi. 1-9. |
| 2 _____ | _____ xv. 4-13 | Luke—xxi. 25-36. |
| 3 _____ | 1 Corinthians—iv. 1-5. | Matthew—xi. 2-10. |
| 4 _____ | Philippians—iv. 4-7. | John—i. 19-28. |
| <i>Christmas Day,</i> _____ | Tit.ii.11-14: Isa.ix.2-7. | Luke—ii. 1-14. |
| 2 _____ | _____ Tit. iii. 4-7. | _____ ii. 15-20. |
| <i>Sunday after Christmas,</i> | Galatians—iv. 1-7. | _____ ii. 33-40. |
| <i>New Year's Day,</i> _____ | _____ iii. 23-29. | _____ ii. 21. |
| <i>Sunday after New Year,</i> | 1 Peter —iv. 12-19. | Matthew—ii. 13-23. |
| <i>Epiphany,</i> _____ | Isaiah ——— lx. 1-6. | _____ ii. 1-12. |
| <i>Sundays after Epiphany.</i> | | |
| 1 _____ | Romans—xii. 1-5. | Luke—ii. 41-52. |
| 2 _____ | _____ xii. 6-16. ^a | John—ii. 1-11. |
| 3 _____ | _____ xii. 16-21. ^b | Matthew—viii. 1-13. |
| 4 _____ | _____ xiii. 8-10. | _____ viii. 23-27. |
| 5 _____ | Colossians—iii. 12-17. | _____ xiii. 24-30. |
| 6 _____ | 2 Peter—i. 16-21. | _____ xvii. 1-9. |
| <i>Septuagesima Sunday,</i> — | 1 Corinthians ix. 24-x. 5. | _____ xx. 1-16. |
| <i>Sexagesima Sunday,</i> — | 2 ——— xi. 19-xii. 9. | Luke—viii. 4-15. |
| <i>Quinquagesima Sunday,</i> | 1 ——— xiii. 1-13. | _____ xviii. 31-43. |
| <i>Ash Wednesday,</i> _____ | Joel ——— ii. 12-19. | Matthew—vi. 16-21. |
| <i>Sundays in Lent.</i> | | |
| 1 <i>Invocavit,</i> _____ | 2 Corinthians vi. 1-10. | _____ iv. 1-11. |
| 2 <i>Reminiscere,</i> _____ | 1 Thessalonians iv. 1-7. | _____ xv. 21-28. |
| 3 <i>Oculi,</i> _____ | Ephesians —v. 1-9. | Luke—xi. 14-28. |
| 4 <i>Laetare,</i> _____ | Galatians—iv. 21-31. | John—vi. 1-15. |
| 5 <i>Judica,</i> _____ | Hebrews—ix. 11-15. | _____ viii. 46-59. |
| 6 <i>Palmarum,</i> _____ | Philippians—ii. 5-11. | Matthew—xxi. 1-9. |
| <i>Monday in Holy Week,</i> | Isaiah ——— l. 5-10. | John—xii. 1-23. |
| <i>Tuesday,</i> _____ | Jeremiah — xi. 18-20. | _____ xii. 24-43. |
| <i>Wednesday,</i> _____ | Isaiah lxii. 11; lxiii. 1-7. | Luke xxii. 1-xxiii. 42. |
| <i>Thursday,</i> _____ | 1 Corinthians xi. 23-32. | John—xiii. 1-15. |
| <i>Good Friday,</i> _____ | Isaiah—lii. 13-liii. 12. | John xviii. 1-xix. 42. |
| <i>Easter Sunday,</i> _____ | 1 Corinthians—v. 6-8. | Mark—xvi. 1-8. |
| _____ <i>Monday,</i> _____ | Acts ——— x. 34-41. | Luke—xxiv. 13-35. |
| <i>Sundays after Easter.</i> | | |
| 1 <i>Quasimodogeniti,</i> — | 1 John ——— v. 4-12. | John ——— xx. 19-31. |
| 2 <i>Misericordias,</i> — | 1 Peter ——— ii. 21-25. | _____ x. 11-16. |
| 3 <i>Jubilate,</i> — | _____ ii. 11-20. | _____ xvi. 16-23. ^c |
| 4 <i>Cantate,</i> _____ | James ——— i. 16-21. | _____ xvi. 5-15. |
| 5. <i>Rogate,</i> _____ | _____ i. 22-27. | _____ xvi. 23-30. ^d |
| <i>Ascension Day,</i> — | Acts ——— i. 1-11. | Mark—xvi. 14-20. |
| <i>Sunday after Ascension,</i> | 1 Peter—iv. 7-11. ^e | John—xv. 26-xvi. 4. |
| <i>Whitsunday,</i> _____ | Acts ——— ii. 1-13. | _____ xiv. 23-31. |
| _____ <i>Monday,</i> _____ | _____ x. 42-48. ^f | _____ iii. 16-21. |
| <i>Trinity Sunday,</i> _____ | Romans—xi. 33-36. | _____ iii. 1-15. |
| <i>Sundays after Trinity.</i> | | |
| 1 _____ | 1 John ——— iv. 16-21. ^g | Luke—xvi. 19-31. |

^a End : " men of low estate."

^d Begin : " Verily, verily, I say."

^b Begin : " Be not wise in your own conceits."

^e " " Be ye therefore sober."

^f End : " in the name of the Lord."

^c End : " ye shall ask me nothing." ^g Begin : " God is love."

TABLE OF THE EPISTLES AND GOSPELS—Continued.

| SUNDAYS AND CHIEF FESTIVALS. | EPISTLES. | GOSPELS. |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 2 <i>Sunday after Trinity</i> | 1 John — iii. 13-18. | Luke — xiv. 16-24. |
| 3 | 1 Peter — v. 6-11. | — xv. 1-10. |
| 4 | Romans — viii. 18-23. | — vi. 36-42. |
| 5 | 1 Peter — iii. 8-15. ^h | — v. 1-11. |
| 6 | Romans — vi. 3-11. | Matthew — v. 20-26. |
| 7 | — vi. 19-23. | Mark — viii. 1-9. |
| 8 | — viii. 12-17. | Matthew — vii. 15-23. |
| 9 | 1 Corinthians x. 6-13. | Luke — xvi. 1-9. |
| 10 | — xii. 1-11. | — xix. 41-48. |
| 11 | — xv. 1-10. | — xviii. 9-14. |
| 12 | 2 — iii. 4-11. | Mark — vii. 31-37. |
| 13 | Galatians — iii. 15-22. | Luke — x. 23-37. |
| 14 | — v. 16-24. | — xvii. 11-19. |
| 15 | — v. 25-vi. 10. | Matthew — vi. 24-34. |
| 16 | Ephesians — iii. 13-21. | Luke — vii. 11-17. |
| 17 | — iv. 1-6. | — xiv. 1-11. |
| 18 | 1 Corinthians — i. 4-9. | Matthew xxii. 34-46. |
| 19 | Ephesians — iv. 22-28. | — ix. 1-8. |
| 20 | — v. 15-21. | — xxii. 1-14. |
| 21 | — vi. 10-17. | John — iv. 46-54. ⁱ |
| 22 | Philippians — i. 3-11. | Matthew xviii. 23-35. |
| 23 | — iii. 17-21. | — xxii. 15-22. |
| 24 | Colossians — i. 9-14. | — ix. 18-26. |
| 25 | 1 Thess. — iv. 13-18. | — xxiv. 15-28. |
| 26 | 2 Peter iii. 3-14, or 2 Thess. — i. 3-10. | — xxv. 31-46. |
| 27 | 1 Thess. — v. 1-11. | — xxv. 1-13. |

^h End: "sanctify the Lord God in your hearts."

ⁱ Begin: "And there was a certain nobleman."

APOSTLES' DAYS AND OTHER MINOR FESTIVALS,
Observed in some parts of the Lutheran Church.

| MINOR FESTIVAL DAYS. | EPISTLES. | GOSPELS. |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| <i>St. Andrew the Apostle,</i> | Romans — x. 10-18. | Matthew — iv. 18-22. |
| <i>St. Thomas the Apostle,</i> | Ephesians — i. 3-6. | John — xx. 24-31. |
| <i>St. Stephen the Martyr,</i> | Acts — vi. 8-vii. 60. | Matthew xxiii. 34-39. |
| <i>St. John the Apostle,</i> | 1 John — i. 1-10. | John — xxi. 19-24. |
| <i>The Conversion of St. Paul,</i> | Acts — ix. 1-22. | Matthew xix. 27-30. |
| <i>The Presentation of Christ,</i> | Malachi — iii. 1-4. | Luke — ii. 22-32. |
| <i>St. Matthias the Apostle,</i> | Acts — i. 15-26. | Matthew — xi. 25-30. |
| <i>The Annunciation,</i> | Isaiah — vii. 10-16. | Luke — i. 26-38. |
| <i>St. Philip & St. James, Apos.</i> | Ephesians — ii. 19-22. | John — xiv. 1-14. |
| <i>St. John the Baptist,</i> | Isaiah — xl. 1-5. | Luke — i. 57-80. |
| <i>St. Peter & St. Paul, Apos.</i> | Acts — xii. 1-11. | Matthew — xvi. 13-20. |
| <i>The Visitation,</i> | Isaiah — xi. 1-5. | Luke — i. 39-56. |
| <i>St. James the elder, Apostle,</i> | Romans — viii. 28-39. | Matthew — xx. 20-33. |
| <i>St. Bartholomew the Apostle,</i> | 2 Corinthians iv. 7-10. | Luke — xxii. 24-30. |
| <i>St. Matthew the Apostle,</i> | Ephesians — iv. 7-14. | Matthew — ix. 9-13. |
| <i>St. Michael the Archangel,</i> | Revelation xii. 7-12. | — xviii. 1-11. |
| <i>St. Simon & St. Jude, Apos.</i> | 1 Peter — i. 3-9. | John — xv. 17-21. |

TABLE OF SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR THE SUNDAYS AND FESTIVALS OF THE CHURCH-YEAR.

| SUNDAYS AND FESTIVALS. | FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT. | | FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT. | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| | From Gospels. | From Epistles. | Historical Books. | Poetical Books. |
| <i>Sundays in Advent.</i> | | | | |
| 1 | Luke i, 1-25. | Col. i, 16-23. | Gen. iii, 1-15. | Ps. xl. |
| 2 | i, 26-35. | Rom. i, 16-25. | Jer. xxxi, 31-36. | Prov. viii, 22-31. |
| 3 | i, 39-56. | ii, 1-12. | Isa. iv, 3-13. | Isa. xl, 1-9. |
| 4 | i, 67-80. | Heb. xii, 15-25. | Ps. c. | Ps. xxiv. |
| <i>Christmas Day,</i> | John i, 1-14. | i, 1-12. | Isa. ix, 2-7. | Micah v, 2-4. |
| 2 | i, 15-18. | 1 John iv, 7-16. | — xi, 1-5. | Ps. cxlviii. |
| <i>S. after Christmas,</i> | Luke ii, 22-32. | Heb. iii, 1-6. | — xii, 1-6. | — ii. |
| <i>New Year's Eve,</i> | Matt. xvi, 1-12. | 1 Peter i, 22-25. | Ps. xc. | cxxxix. |
| <i>New Year's Day,</i> | Luke iv, 16-21. | ii, 1-10. | — cxi. | Isa. xl, 26-31. |
| <i>S. after New Year,</i> | Matt. iii, 1-12. | Rom. vii, 7-25. | Gen. xi, 1-9. | 1 Sam. ii, 1-10. |
| <i>Epiphany.</i> | — iii, 13-17. | — iii, 23-31. | — xii, 1-4—xiii, 5-11. | Isa. — ii, 1-5. |
| <i>Sundays after Epiphany.</i> | | | | |
| 1 | John i, 35-51. | Ephes. ii, 11-22. | — xiv, 8-20. | Deut. xviii, 15-19. |
| 2 | — iii, 22-36. | Rom. iv, 16-25. | — xv, 1-17. | Isa. lxi, 1-6. |
| 3 | Matt. iv, 12-17. | — v, 1-5. | xviii, 20-33. | Amos iii, 1-8. |
| 4 | John iv, 4-24. | viii, 1-11. | — xxii, 1-9. | Micah vi, 1-8. |
| 5 | — iv, 25-42. | 1 Cor. ii, 1-10. | xxiv, 34-51. | — vii, 14-20. |
| 6 | Matt. xi, 25-30. | James iii, 13-18. | xxviii, 10-22. | Haggai ii, 1-9. |
| <i>Septuagesima,</i> | — xvi, 13-20. | 2 Cor. viii, 1-9. | — xli, 28-43. | Mal. ii, 4-10. |
| <i>Sexagesima,</i> | — xvii, 1-9. | Rom. xiv, 13-19. | — xlix, 1-33. | Amos viii, 1-14. |
| <i>Quinquagesima,</i> | John viii, 12-20. | — x, 8-18. | — i, 15-22. | Hab. ii, 1-14. |
| <i>Sundays in Lent.</i> | | | | |
| 1 <i>Invocavit,</i> | — viii, 23-40. | Heb. xii, 1-6. | Exod. i, 3-22. | Isa. i, 4-10. |
| 2 <i>Reminiscere,</i> | — ix, 1-22. | Rom. viii, 28-39. | — ii, 1-10. | Ps. li. |
| 3 <i>Oculi,</i> | — x, 23-38. | 2 Cor. iv, 7-14. | — ii, 11-15. | — xxii. |
| 4 <i>Laetare,</i> | — xi, 1-27. | v, 14-21. | — iii, 1-14. | Isa. lxiiv, 1-12. |
| 5 <i>Judica,</i> | — xi, 28-57. | 1 Peter i, 13-21. | — v, 1-21. | Job xxxiii, 13-30. |
| 6 <i>Palmarum,</i> | — xii, 1-19. | Heb. x, 19-27. | v, 22-vi, 9. | Zech. ix, 8-12. |
| <i>Thurs. bef. Easter,</i> | Luke xxii, 7-23. | 1 Cor. x, 16-22. | Ps. xxiii. | Ps. xxv. |
| <i>Good Friday,</i> | Matt. xxvii, 33-54. | Rev. v, 1-14. | Exod. xii, 1-14. | Isa. liii, 13—liii, 12. |
| <i>Easter Sunday,</i> | Matt. xxviii, 1-10. | 1 Cor. xv, 12-28. | Job xix, 22-27. | — xxxv, 1-8. |
| <i>Monday,</i> | John xx, 11-18. | — xv, 35-49. | Ps. cxviii, 14-29. | Eze. xxxviii, 1-14. |
| <i>Sundays after Easter.</i> | | | | |
| 1 <i>Quasimod.,</i> | Luke xxiv, 36-47. | — xv, 50-58. | Exod. xv, 1-21. | Isa. — iv, 2-6. |
| 2 <i>Misericord.,</i> | John xxi, 1-19. | 1 John i, 1-7. | — xv, 22-26. | Eze. xxxiv, 11-16. |
| 3 <i>Jubilate,</i> | — xvii, 1-8. | — ii, 12-17. | — xvi, 1-15. | Hosea ii, 18-23. |
| 4 <i>Cantate,</i> | — xvii, 9-19. | — iii, 1-11. | — xvi, 1-16. | Isa. xlix, 8-15. |
| 5 <i>Rogate,</i> | — xvii, 20-26. | v, 12-21. | Ps. cxvi. | lxxxvi. |
| <i>Ascension,</i> | Luke xxiv, 44-53. | Eph. iv, 7-16. | Gen. v, 21-24. | — cx. |
| <i>S. after Ascension,</i> | John xiv, 1-14. | Acts i, 12-26. | Exod. xix, 3-8. | — xxxii, 14-20. |
| <i>Whitsunday,</i> | — xiv, 15-21. | — ii, 14-21. | Joel ii, 21-27. | Joel ii, 28-32. |
| <i>Monday,</i> | — xv, 1-8. | Rom. x, 11-17. | Ps. cxvii. | Eze. xxxvi, 25-28. |
| <i>Trinity Sunday,</i> | Matt. xxviii, 18-20. | Eph. i, 3-14. | Num. vi, 22-27. | Isa. — vi, 1-8. |
| <i>Sundays after Trinity.</i> | | | | |
| 1 | — v, 1-12. | Acts ii, 42-47. | Exod. xxxiv, 1-10. | Ps. lxii. |
| 2 | — v, 13-19. | — iii, 1-10. | Num. xxi, 4-9. | Job xxxvi, 26— |
| 3 | — v, 27-42. | — iii, 11-26. | — xxiii, 7, 12. | — xxxvii, 13 |
| 4 | — v, 43-48. | — iv, 1-22. | Josh. xxiv, 14-28. | Eze. xviii, 20-24. |
| 5 | — vi, 1-15. | — iv, 23-31. | Jud. ii, 1-12. | Ps. clii. |
| 6 | — vi, 16-23. | — iv, 32-v, 11. | Ruth i, 1-17. | Lam. iii, 22-40. |
| 7 | — vii, 1-14. | — v, 12-42. | 1 Sam. iii, 1-18. | Ps. xc. |
| 8 | — vii, 24-29. | — vi, 1-7. | — x, 17-27. | Eccles. iii, 1-17. |
| 9 | John v, 19-29. | Heb. vii, 51-60. | — xv, 16-23. | — cxix, 105-112. |
| 10 | — v, 30-36. | — viii, 9-25. | — xxiv, 2-22. | — liii. |
| 11 | — v, 37-47. | — viii, 26-39. | 2 Sam. vii, 1-16. | Jer. viii, 4-9. |
| 12 | — vi, 30-51. | — ix, 1-22. | — vii, 17-29. | Eze. xiii, 9-16. |
| 13 | Mark iv, 26-34. | — x, 21—xi, 18. | — xii, 1-10. | Prov. ix, 1-18. |
| 14 | Luke xii, 32-38. | — xiv, 1-20. | — xiii, 1-7. | Job xxxviii, 1-11. |
| 15 | — xiii, 1-9. | — xvi, 13-40. | 1 Kings iii, 5-15. | Prov. iii, 1-16. |
| 16 | Matt. xiii, 44-52. | — xvii, 15-34. | 2 Chr. vii, 12-22. | Deut. vi, 4-13. |
| 17 | Luke xv, 11-32. | — xviii, 1-11. | — xiii, 3-18. | Jer. xvii, 5-10. |
| 18 | Mark x, 1-12. | — xix, 1-11. | 1 Kings xviii, 21-40. | Lev. xix, 9-18. |
| 19 | Matt. xv, 1-11. | — xx, 17-38. | — xix, 4-18. | Deut. xxi, 18-21. |
| 20 | — xx, 16-26. | — xxiv, 10-27. | 2 Kings v, 1-14. | — xxiv, 17-22. |
| 21 | — xxi, 33-44. | — xxvi, 1-29. | Jonah iii, 1—iv, 11. | Prov. vi, 6-11. |
| 22 | John xv, 18-25. | — xxviii, 1-31. | 2 Chr. xxxii, 1-21. | — xxiii, 19-35. |
| 23 | Mark xii, 18-27. | Rev. ii, 1-11. | — xxxiv, 14-28. | — xxiv, 13-22. |
| 24 | — xiii, 1-13. | — iii, 1-22. | — xxxv, 11-21. | Ee. xi, 9—xii, 14. |
| 25 | Luke xvii, 20-37. | — vii, 9-17. | Dan. ii, 31-48. | Prov. xxx, 1-14. |
| 26 | Matt. xxv, 14-30. | — xx, 11-15. | Ezra iii, 10-13. | Mal. iii, 13—iv, 6. |
| 27 | Luke xiii, 23-30. | — xxii, 6-21. | Mal. iii, 1-5. | Deut. xxxii, 21-43. |
| <i>Harvest Festival,</i> | — xii, 13-21. | 1 Tim. vi, 6-10. | Deut. xxvi, 1-11. | Ps. xcii. |
| <i>Reformation,</i> | John ii, 13-17. | Gal. ii, 16-21. | 2 Chr. xxxiv, 29-33. | — lxxv. |
| <i>Thanksgiving,</i> | Ps. cxlvi. | — cxlv. | Ps. xcv, 1-8. | — xlv. |
| <i>Humiliation,</i> | — cxliii. | — cxxx. | — lxxxv. | Isa. i, 16-18. |

A TABLE OF LESSONS FOR MORNING AND EVENING THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

The Lessons appointed for days between the *Fourth Sunday in Advent* and the *First Sunday after Epiphany*, are to be omitted when the days for which they are appointed do not occur.

When there are not *Six Sundays after Epiphany*, the Lessons for the week after the *First Sunday* may be omitted one year; and those which follow another *Sunday*, the second year; and so on: in order that in the course of several years all the Lessons provided may be read.

The Lessons appointed for the days from the *Twentieth Sunday after Trinity* to the end of the year are to be read in every year, and those appointed for the weeks before the *Twentieth Sunday after Trinity* are to be omitted so far as is necessary to this end.

| <i>Days.</i> | <i>Morning.</i> | <i>Evening.</i> |
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| FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT. | | |
| Monday | Matthew xi. 25-30. | Genesis iii. 1-24. |
| Tuesday | Acts iii. 22-26. | Genesis ix. 1-19. |
| Wednesday | Colossians i. 15-29. | Genesis xxii. 1-19. |
| Thursday | Hebrews i. 1-4. | Genesis xlix. 1-28. |
| Friday | Hebrews ii. 1-4. | Numbers xxiv. 14-25. |
| Saturday | Ephesians iii. 1-12. | Deuteronomy xviii. 15-19. |
| SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT. | | |
| Monday | Acts xvii. 16-34. | 1 Chronicles xvii. 1-27. |
| Tuesday | 1 John iv. 9-16. | 2 Chronicles vii. 11-22. |
| Wednesday | Colossians i. 1-8. | Isaiah xi. 1-10. |
| Thursday | Philippians ii. 12-18. | Jeremiah xxiii. 2-8. |
| Friday | Philippians iii. 12-16. | Jeremiah xxx. 1-22. |
| Saturday | Colossians iii. 1-11. | Jeremiah xxxiii. 14-26. |
| THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT. | | |
| Monday | Hebrews x. 35-39. | Isaiah ii. 1-5. |
| Tuesday | Luke xxi. 5-24. | Isaiah xxiv. 21-xxv. 5. |
| Wednesday | Luke xii. 35-59. | Isaiah xxv. 6-10. |
| Thursday | James v. 7-11. | Isaiah xxvi. 1-21. |
| Friday | Luke i. 1-25. | Isaiah li. 1-16. |
| Saturday | Luke i. 26-38. | Isaiah lii. 1-12. |
| FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT. | | |
| Monday | Matthew i. 18-25. | Isaiah xl. 1-11. |
| Tuesday | Luke i. 39-45. | Malachi iii. 1-7. |
| Wednesday | Luke i. 46-56. | Malachi iv. 1-6. |
| Thursday | Luke i. 57-66. | Isaiah xxviii. 14-19. |
| Friday | Luke i. 67-80. | Isaiah vii. 1-17. |
| Saturday | Matthew i. 1-17. | Micah v. 1-15. |
| CHRISTMAS. | | |
| Dec. 27 | John i. 15-18. | Micah iv. 1-8. |
| Dec. 28 | Luke ii. 15-20. | Isaiah xxxii. 1-8. |
| Dec. 29 | Luke ii. 22-24. | Isaiah xlv. 3-13. |
| Dec. 30 | Luke ii. 25-32. | Isaiah xlix. 1-13. |
| Dec. 31 | Matthew ii. 13-15. | Isaiah lv. 1-13. |
| Jan. 2 | Matthew ii. 16-18. | Isaiah xlii. 1-9. |
| Jan. 3 | Matthew ii. 19-23. | Isaiah lxi. 1-11. |
| Jan. 4 | Matthew iii. 1-12. | Isaiah lvi. 1-8. |
| Jan. 5 | Luke iii. 1-9. | Isaiah xii. 1-6. |
| EPIPHANY. | | |
| Monday | Luke iii. 10-14. | Genesis i. 1-31. |
| Tuesday | Luke iii. 15-20. | Genesis ii. 1-25. |
| Wednesday | Mark i. 1-8. | Genesis iv. 1-26. |
| Thursday | Mark i. 9-11. | Genesis v. 1-32. |
| Friday | Luke iii. 21, 22. | Genesis vi. 9-22. |
| Saturday | Luke iii. 23-38. | Genesis vii. 1-24. |

| <i>Days.</i> | <i>Morning.</i> | <i>Evening.</i> |
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| 1 SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY. | | |
| Monday | John i. 29-34. | Genesis viii. 1-22. |
| Tuesday | John i. 35-42. | Genesis xi. 1-9. |
| Wednesday | John i. 43-51. | Genesis xii. 1-20. |
| Thursday | Luke iv. 1-13. | Genesis xiii. 1-18. |
| Friday | Mark i. 12-15. | Genesis xiv. 8-24. |
| Saturday | Matthew iv. 12-17. | Genesis xv. 1-21. |
| 2 SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY. | | |
| Monday | Matthew iv. 18-25. | Genesis xvii. 1-22. |
| Tuesday | Matthew v. 1-19. | Genesis xviii. 1-33. |
| Wednesday | Matthew v. 27-48. | Genesis xix. 1-29. |
| Thursday | Matthew vi. 1-23. | Genesis xxi. 1-8. |
| Friday | Matthew vii. 1-14. | Genesis xxiv. 1-28. |
| Saturday | Matthew vii. 24-29. | Genesis xxiv. 29-67. |
| 3 SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY. | | |
| Monday | Matthew viii. 14-22. | Genesis xxv. 19-34. |
| Tuesday | Matthew viii. 28-34. | Genesis xxvii. 1-45. |
| Wednesday | Matthew ix. 9-17. | Gen. xxvii. 46-xxviii. 22. |
| Thursday | Matthew ix. 27-38. | Genesis xxix. 1-20. |
| Friday | Matthew x. 1-16. | Genesis xxxi. 1-18. |
| Saturday | Matthew x. 17-xi. 1. | Genesis xxxii. 3-32. |
| 4 SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY. | | |
| Monday | Matthew xi. 11-24. | Genesis xxxiii. 1-20. |
| Tuesday | Matthew xii. 1-21. | Genesis xxxv. 1-21. |
| Wednesday | Matthew xii. 22-50. | Genesis xxxvii. 1-36. |
| Thursday | Matthew xiii. 1-23. | Genesis xxxix. 1-23. |
| Friday | Matthew xiv. 1-36. | Genesis xl. 1-23. |
| Saturday | Matthew xv. 1-20. | Genesis xli. 1-37. |
| 5 SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY. | | |
| Monday | Matthew xv. 29-39. | Genesis xli. 38-57. |
| Tuesday | Matthew xvi. 1-12. | Genesis xlii. 1-38. |
| Wednesday | Matthew xvi. 21-28. | Genesis xliii. 1-34. |
| Thursday | Matthew xvii. 9-27. | Genesis xliv. 1-34. |
| Friday | Matthew xix. 1-15. | Genesis xlv. 1-28. |
| Saturday | Matthew xx. 17-34. | Genesis xlvi. 1-34. |
| 6 SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY. | | |
| Monday | Matthew xxi. 10-46. | Genesis xlvii. 1-31. |
| Tuesday | Matthew xxiii. 1-39. | Genesis xlviii. 1-22. |
| Wednesday | Mark i. 16-45. | Exodus i. 1-22. |
| Thursday | Mark ii. 1-28. | Exodus ii. 1-25. |
| Friday | Mark iii. 1-35. | Exodus iii. 1-22. |
| Saturday | Mark v. 1-20. | Exodus iv. 1-31. |
| SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY. | | |
| Monday | Mark v. 21-43. | Exodus v. 1-23. |
| Tuesday | Mark vi. 1-29. | Exodus vi. 1-13. |
| Wednesday | Mark vi. 30-56. | Exodus xi. 1-10. |
| Thursday | Mark vii. 1-30. | Exodus xii. 1-28. |
| Friday | Mark viii. 10-ix. 1. | Exodus xii. 29-42. |
| Saturday | Mark ix. 2-32. | Exodus xiii. 1-22. |
| SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY. | | |
| Monday | Mark x. 1-31. | Exodus xiv. 1-31. |
| Tuesday | Mark x. 32-52. | Exodus xv. 1-21. |
| Wednesday | Mark xi. 1-33. | Exodus xv. 22-xvi. 36. |
| Thursday | Mark xii. 13-44. | Exodus xvii. 1-16. |
| Friday | Luke iv. 14-44. | Exodus xix. 1-25. |
| Saturday | Luke v. 12-39. | Exodus xx. 1-23. |
| QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY. | | |
| Monday | Luke vi. 1-35. | Exodus xxiv. 1-xxv. 9. |
| Tuesday | Luke vi. 43-49. | Exodus xxxi. 18-xxxii. 35. |
| Wednesday | Luke vii. 1-10. | Exodus xxxiii. 1-23. |
| Thursday | Luke vii. 18-viii. 3. | Exodus xxxiv. 1-10. |
| Friday | Luke viii. 1-56. | Exodus xxxiv. 27-35. |
| Saturday | Luke ix. 1-27. | Exodus xl. 1-38. |

A TABLE OF LESSONS FOR MORNING AND EVENING.

| <i>Days.</i> | <i>Morning.</i> | <i>Evening.</i> |
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| FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT. | | |
| Monday | Luke ix. 28-62. | Numbers iii. 5-13. |
| Tuesday | Luke x. 1-22. | Numbers x. 11-36. |
| Wednesday | Luke x. 38-xi. 13. | Numbers xi. 1-35. |
| Thursday | Luke xi. 29-36. | Numbers xii. 1-15. |
| Friday | Luke xi. 37-54. | Numbers xiii. 1-25. |
| Saturday | Luke xii. 1-34. | Numbers xiii. 26-33. |
| SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT. | | |
| Monday | Luke xiii. 1-17. | Numbers xiv. 1-45. |
| Tuesday | Luke xiv. 25-35. | Numbers xvi. 1-22. |
| Wednesday | Luke xv. 11-32. | Numbers xvi. 23-50. |
| Thursday | Luke xvi. 10-18. | Numbers xvii. 1-13. |
| Friday | Luke xvii. 1-10. | Numbers xx. 1-29. |
| Saturday | Luke xviii. 1-8. | Numbers xxi. 1-xxii. 1. |
| THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT. | | |
| Monday | Luke xviii. 15-30. | Numbers xxii. 2-41. |
| Tuesday | Luke xix. 1-40. | Numbers xxiii. 1-30. |
| Wednesday | Luke xx. 1-xxi. 4. | Numbers xxiv. 1-13. |
| Thursday | Luke xxi. 37-xxii. 38. | Numbers xxvii. 12-23. |
| Friday | Luke xxii. 39-71. | Deuteronomy v. 1-33. |
| Saturday | Luke xxiii. 1-25. | Deuteronomy viii. 1-20. |
| FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT. | | |
| Monday | Luke xxiii. 26-56. | Deuteronomy ix. 1-29. |
| Tuesday | Matthew xxvi. 1-35. | Deuteronomy x. 1-22. |
| Wednesday | Matthew xxvi. 36-75. | Deuteronomy xi. 1-32. |
| Thursday | Matthew xxvii. 1-38. | Deuteronomy xxviii. 1-14. |
| Friday | Matthew xxvii. 39-66. | Deuteronomy xxviii. 15-68. |
| Saturday | Mark xiv. 1-31. | Deuteronomy xxxiv. 1-12. |
| FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT. | | |
| Monday | Mark xiv. 32-72. | Jeremiah ii. 1-19. |
| Tuesday | Mark xv. 1-19. | Hosea xiii. 9-14. |
| Wednesday | Mark xv. 20-47. | Zechariah iii. 1-8. |
| Thursday | John xii. 1-19. | Micah iii. 9-12. |
| Friday | John xii. 20-50. | Isaiah lxvi. 1-9. |
| Saturday | John xiii. 16-38. | Zechariah ix. 1-17. |
| PALM SUNDAY. | | |
| Monday | John xviii. 1-18. | Jeremiah vii. 1-15. |
| Tuesday | John xviii. 19-40. | Isaiah i. 4-11. |
| Wednesday | John xix. 1-12. | Jeremiah xi. 18-23. |
| Thursday | John xix. 13-24. | Zechariah iii. 1-10. |
| GOOD FRIDAY | John xix. 25-37. | Lam. ii. 8-15. |
| Saturday | Lam. ii. 8-15. | Isaiah lii. 13-15. |
| EASTER. | | |
| EASTER MONDAY | | |
| Tuesday | Matthew xxviii. 1-15. | Ezekiel xxi. 25-27. |
| Wednesday | John xx. 1-18. | Haggai ii. 20-23. |
| Thursday | Luke xxiv. 1-12. | Zechariah vi. 9-15. |
| Friday | Luke xxiv. 36-49. | Ezekiel xvii. 22-24. |
| Saturday | Mark xvi. 9-14. | Isaiah xliv. 21-28. |
| FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER. | | |
| Monday | John xxi. 1-25. | Jonah i. 1-16. |
| Tuesday | John ii. 12-25. | Jonah i. 17-ii. 10. |
| Wednesday | John iii. 22-36. | Jonah iii. 1-10. |
| Thursday | John iv. 1-27. | Jonah iv. 1-11. |
| Friday | John iv. 28-38. | Isaiah xxxiii. 2-6. |
| Saturday | John iv. 39-45. | Isaiah xlii. 10-17. |
| SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER. | | |
| Monday | John v. 1-17. | Micah ii. 12, 13. |
| Tuesday | John v. 18-30. | Isaiah xxx. 19-26. |
| Wednesday | John v. 31-47. | Jeremiah iii. 11-19. |
| Thursday | John vi. 16-29. | Ezekiel xxxiv. 1-11. |
| Friday | John vi. 30-40. | Ezekiel xxxiv. 12-22. |
| Saturday | John vi. 41-59. | Ezekiel xxxiv. 23-31. |

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| THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER. | | | | |
| Monday | John | vi. 60-71. | Ezekiel | xxxvi. 1-15. |
| Tuesday | John | vii. 1-13. | Ezekiel | xxxvi. 16-32. |
| Wednesday | John | vii. 14-24. | Ezekiel | xxxvi. 33-38. |
| Thursday | John | vii. 25-36. | Haggai | ii. 2-9. |
| Friday | John | vii. 37-53. | Zechariah | ii. 1-13. |
| Saturday | John | viii. 1-11. | Zechariah | xi. 1-17. |
| FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER | | | | |
| Monday | John | viii. 12-20. | Zechariah | xii. 1-13. |
| Tuesday | John | viii. 21-29. | Isaiah | lxv. 1-7. |
| Wednesday | John | viii. 30-45. | Isaiah | lxv. 8-16. |
| Thursday | John | ix. 1-13. | Jeremiah | viii. 4-13. |
| Friday | John | ix. 14-34. | Zechariah | viii. 18-23. |
| Saturday | John | ix. 35-41. | Isaiah | xliv. 22-26. |
| FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER. | | | | |
| Monday | John | x. 1-5. | Amos | ix. 8-15. |
| Tuesday | John | x. 6-10. | Isaiah | iv. 2-6. |
| Wednesday | Matt. | xxviii. 16-20. | Isaiah | xxix. 18-24. |
| ASCENSION DAY. | | | | |
| Friday | Luke | xxiv. 50-53. | Micah | vii. 7-13. |
| Saturday | Acts | i. 12-26. | Micah | vii. 14-20. |
| SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION. | | | | |
| Monday | John | x. 17-21. | Zechariah | xiii. 7-9. |
| Tuesday | John | x. 22-31. | Zechariah | xiv. 1-21. |
| Wednesday | John | x. 32-42. | Isaiah | lxvi. 10-24. |
| Thursday | John | xi. 1-27. | Jeremiah | xlvi. 27, 28. |
| Friday | John | xi. 28-44. | Isaiah | xxxii. 9-20. |
| Saturday | John | xi. 45-57. | Isaiah | lvii. 15-21. |
| WHITSUNDAY. | | | | |
| MONDAY. | | | | |
| Tuesday | Acts | ii. 14-36. | Ezekiel | xlvi. 1-12. |
| Wednesday | Acts | ii. 37-47. | Isaiah | xliv. 18-21. |
| Thursday | John | xiv. 1-22. | Isaiah | xliv. 22-25. |
| Friday | John | xv. 1-25. | Jeremiah | ix. 23-26. |
| Saturday | John | xvi. 31-xvii. 26. | Isaiah | xliv. 6-8. |
| TRINITY SUNDAY. | | | | |
| Monday | Acts | iii. 1-21. | Joshua | i. 1-18. |
| Tuesday | Acts | iv. 1-37. | Joshua | iii. 1-17. |
| Wednesday | Acts | v. 1-42. | Joshua | iv. 1-24. |
| Thursday | Acts | vi. 1-15. | Joshua | vi. 1-27. |
| Friday | Acts | vii. 1-60. | Joshua | viii. 1-35. |
| Saturday | Acts | viii. 1-40. | Joshua | ix. 1-27. |
| FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. | | | | |
| Monday | Acts | ix. 1-43. | Joshua | x. 1-15. |
| Tuesday | Acts | x. 1-33. | Joshua | xi. 1-23. |
| Wednesday | Acts | xi. 1-30. | Joshua | xxiii. 1-16. |
| Thursday | Acts | xii. 1-25. | Joshua | xxiv. 1-31. |
| Friday | Acts | xiii. 1-52. | Judges | ii. 1-23. |
| Saturday | Acts | xiv. 1-28. | Judges | vi. 1-40. |
| SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY | | | | |
| Monday | Acts | xv. 1-41. | Judges | vii. 1-25. |
| Tuesday | Acts | xvi. 1-40. | Judges | xiii. 1-25. |
| Wednesday | Acts | xvii. 1-15. | Judges | xiv. 1-20. |
| Thursday | Acts | xviii. 1-28. | Judges | xv. 1-20. |
| Friday | Acts | xix. 1-41. | Judges | xvi. 4-31. |
| Saturday | Acts | xx. 1-38. | 1 Samuel | i. 1-28. |
| THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. | | | | |
| Monday | Acts | xxi. 1-39. | 1 Samuel | ii. 1-21. |
| Tuesday | Acts | xxi. 40-xxii. 29. | 1 Samuel | iii. 1-21. |
| Wednesday | Acts | xxii. 30-xxiii. 35. | 1 Samuel | iv. 1-22. |
| Thursday | Acts | xxiv. 1-27. | 1 Samuel | v. 1-12. |
| Friday | Acts | xxv. 1-27. | 1 Samuel | vii. 1-17. |
| Saturday | Acts | xxvi. 1-32. | 1 Samuel | viii. 1-22. |

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| 4TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. | | |
| Monday | Acts xxvii. 1-44. | 1 Samuel ix. 1-27. |
| Tuesday | Acts xxviii. 1-31. | 1 Samuel x. 1-27. |
| Wednesday | Romans i. 1-15. | 1 Samuel xii. 1-25. |
| Thursday | Romans i. 16-32. | 1 Samuel xiii. 1-14. |
| Friday | Romans ii. 1-29. | 1 Samuel xv. 1-35. |
| Saturday | Romans iii. 1-31. | 1 Samuel xvi. 1-23. |
| 5TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. | | |
| Monday | Romans iv. 1-25. | 1 Samuel xvii. 1-58. |
| Tuesday | Romans v. 1-vi. 2. | 1 Samuel xviii. 1-21. |
| Wednesday | Romans vi. 12-18. | 1 Samuel xix. 1-24. |
| Thursday | Romans vii. 1-25. | 1 Samuel xx. 1-42. |
| Friday | Romans viii. 1-11. | 1 Samuel xxi. 1-23. |
| Saturday | Romans xiii. 1-7. | 1 Samuel xxiv. 1-22. |
| 6TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. | | |
| Monday | Romans xiv. 1-xv. 3. | 1 Samuel xxvi. 1-25. |
| Tuesday | Romans xv. 14-33. | 1 Samuel xxviii. 3-25. |
| Wednesday | Romans xvi. 1-27. | 1 Samuel xxxi. 1-13. |
| Thursday | 1 Cor. i. 10-31. | 2 Samuel i. 1-27. |
| Friday | 1 Cor. ii. 1-16. | 2 Samuel v. 1-25. |
| Saturday | 1 Cor. iv. 6-v. 5. | 2 Samuel vi. 1-23. |
| 7TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. | | |
| Monday | 1 Cor. v. 9-vi. 20. | 1 Chronicles xvi. 1-43. |
| Tuesday | 1 Cor. vii. 1-40. | 2 Samuel vii. 1-29. |
| Wednesday | 1 Cor. viii. 1-13. | 2 Samuel xii. 1-23. |
| Thursday | 1 Cor. ix. 1-23. | 2 Samuel xv. 1-15. |
| Friday | 1 Cor. x. 14-33. | 2 Samuel xvi. 5-35. |
| Saturday | 1 Cor. xi. 1-22. | 2 Samuel xviii. 1-13. |
| 8TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. | | |
| Monday | 1 Cor. xii. 12-31. | 2 Samuel xix. 1-23. |
| Tuesday | 1 Cor. xiv. 1-40. | 1 Chronicles xxi. 1-30. |
| Wednesday | 1 Cor. xv. 58-xvi. 24. | 1 Chronicles xxii. 1-19. |
| Thursday | 2 Corinthians i. 1-24. | 1 Chronicles xxviii. 1-21. |
| Friday | 2 Cor. ii. 1-iii. 3. | 1 Chronicles xxix. 1-23. |
| Saturday | 2 Cor. vi. 11-vii. 16. | 2 Chronicles i. 1-13. |
| 9TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. | | |
| Monday | 2 Cor. viii. 1-24. | 1 Kings iii. 16-28. |
| Tuesday | 2 Cor. ix. 1-15. | 1 Kings iv. 22-34. |
| Wednesday | 2 Cor. x. 1-18. | 1 Kings v. 1-18. |
| Thursday | 2 Cor. xi. 1-18. | 2 Chronicles iii. 1-17. |
| Friday | 2 Cor. xii. 10-xiii. 13. | 1 Kings viii. 1-66. |
| Saturday | Galatians i. 1-24. | 1 Kings vii. 1-12. |
| 10TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. | | |
| Monday | Galatians ii. 1-21. | 1 Kings ix. 1-28. |
| Tuesday | Galatians iii. 1-14. | 1 Kings x. 1-29. |
| Wednesday | Galatians iv. 8-20. | 1 Kings xi. 1-43. |
| Thursday | Galatians v. 1-15. | 1 Kings xii. 1-33. |
| Friday | Galatians vi. 11-18. | 1 Kings xiii. 1-34. |
| Saturday | Ephesians vi. 1-9. | 1 Kings xiv. 1-31. |
| 11TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. | | |
| Monday | Ephesians vi. 18-24. | 1 Kings xvi. 29-xvii. 24. |
| Tuesday | Philippians i. 12-ii. 4. | 1 Kings xviii. 1-46. |
| Wednesday | Philippians ii. 19-30. | 1 Kings xix. 1-21. |
| Thursday | Philippians iii. 1-11. | 1 Kings xxi. 1-29. |
| Friday | Philippians iv. 1-3. | 1 Kings xxii. 52-2 K. i. 17. |
| Saturday | Philippians iv. 8-23. | 2 Kings ii. 1-25. |
| 12TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. | | |
| Monday | Colossians ii. 1-23. | 2 Kings iv. 1-44. |
| Tuesday | Col. iii. 18-iv. 18. | 2 Kings v. 1-27. |
| Wednesday | 1 Thess. i. 1-10. | 2 Kings vi. 1-23. |
| Thursday | 1 Thess. ii. 1-20. | 2 Kings vi. 24-vii. 20. |
| Friday | 1 Thess. iii. 1-13. | 2 Kings viii. 1-15. |
| Saturday | 1 Thess. iv. 8-12. | 2 Kings ix. 1-37. |

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| 13TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. | | |
| Monday | 1 Thess. v. 12-28. | 2 Kings x. 1-36. |
| Tuesday | 1 Timothy i. 1-20. | 2 Chronicles xxii. 1-12. |
| Wednesday | 1 Timothy ii. 1-15. | 2 Chronicles xxiii. 1-21. |
| Thursday | 1 Timothy iii. 1-16. | 2 Chronicles xxiv. 1-27. |
| Friday | 1 Timothy iv. 1-16. | 2 Kings xiv. 1-29. |
| Saturday | 1 Timothy v. 1-25. | 2 Kings xv. 1-38. |
| 14TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. | | |
| Monday | 1 Timothy vi. 1-21. | Isaiah vi. 1-13. |
| Tuesday | 2 Timothy i. 1-18. | Amos vii. 7-17. |
| Wednesday | 2 Timothy ii. 1-26. | 2 Kings xvi. 1-20. |
| Thursday | Titus i. 1-16. | 2 Kings xvii. 1-23. |
| Friday | Titus ii. 1-10. | 2 Kings xviii. 1-37. |
| Saturday | Titus ii. 15-iii. 3. | 2 Kings xix. 1-37. |
| 15TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. | | |
| Monday | Titus iii. 8-15. | 2 Kings xx. 1-21. |
| Tuesday | Philemon 1-25. | 2 Kings xxi. 1-26. |
| Wednesday | Hebrews i. 1-14. | 2 Chronicles xxxiv. 1-33. |
| Thursday | Hebrews ii. 5-iii. 6. | 2 Chr's xxxv. 20-xxxvi. 10. |
| Friday | Hebrews iv. 14-v. 14. | Jeremiah xxii. 1-30. |
| Saturday | Hebrews vi. 1-20. | Jeremiah xxv. 1-14. |
| 16TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. | | |
| Monday | Hebrews vii. 1-28. | Jeremiah xxxvii. 1-21. |
| Tuesday | Hebrews viii. 1-13. | Jeremiah xxxviii. 1-28. |
| Wednesday | Hebrews ix. 1-10. | Jeremiah xxxii. 1-44. |
| Thursday | Hebrews ix. 16-28. | Jeremiah xxxix. 1-18. |
| Friday | Hebrews x. 1-34. | Jeremiah xxix. 1-23. |
| Saturday | Hebrews xi. 1-7. | Daniel i. 1-21. |
| 17TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. | | |
| Monday | Hebrews xi. 17-40. | Daniel iii. 1-30. |
| Tuesday | Hebrews xii. 1-17. | Daniel iv. 1-37. |
| Wednesday | Hebrews xiii. 1-25. | Daniel v. 1-30. |
| Thursday | James i. 1-15. | Daniel v. 31-vi. 28. |
| Friday | James ii. 1-13. | Ezra i. 1-11. |
| Saturday | James ii. 14-26. | Ezra iii. 1-13. |
| 18TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. | | |
| Monday | James iii. 1-18. | Ezra iv. 1-24. |
| Tuesday | James iv. 1-v. 6. | Haggai i. 1-15. |
| Wednesday | James v. 12-20. | Ezra v. 1-17. |
| Thursday | 1 Peter iii. 1-7. | Ezra *vi. 1-22. |
| Friday | 1 Peter iii. 15-22. | Ezra vii. 1-28. |
| Saturday | 1 Peter v. 1-5. | Ezra viii. 31-ix. 15. |
| 19TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. | | |
| Monday | 1 John i. 1-10. | Nehemiah i. 1-11. |
| Tuesday | 1 John ii. 1-17. | Nehemiah ii. 1-20. |
| Wednesday | 1 John v. 1-3. | Nehemiah iv. 1-23. |
| Thursday | 1 John v. 10-21. | Nehemiah viii. 1-18. |
| Friday | 2 John 1-13. | Nehemiah ix. 1-38. |
| Saturday | 3 John 1-14. | Zechariah viii. 1-23. |
| 20TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. | | |
| Monday | Mark iv. 1-41. | Isaiah xliii. 1-13. |
| Tuesday | Luke xiii. 18-35. | Isaiah xli. 1-20. |
| Wednesday | Matthew xiii. 31-58. | Habakkuk ii. 1-4. |
| Thursday | Matthew xvi. 13-20. | Isaiah lxiii. 7-19. |
| Friday | 2 Cor. iii. 10-iv. 18. | Isaiah lxiv. 1-12. |
| Saturday | 2 Cor. v. 1-21. | Isaiah v. 1-7. |
| 21ST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. | | |
| Monday | Ephesians i. 1-23. | Micah vi. 1-9. |
| Tuesday | Ephesians ii. 1-22. | Isaiah lviii. 1-14. |
| Wednesday | Ephesians iv. 7-21. | Isaiah lix. 1-21. |
| Thursday | Ephesians iv. 29-32. | Jeremiah xxxi. 1-22. |
| Friday | Ephesians v. 10-14. | Jeremiah xxxi. 23-40. |
| Saturday | Ephesians v. 22-33. | Isaiah xlviii. 1-22. |

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| 22D SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. | | |
| Monday | Matthew xviii. 1-22. | Micah iv. 9-v. 1. |
| Tuesday | Mark ix. 33-50. | Isaiah xlix. 14-21. |
| Wednesday | Luke xvii. 20-37. | Isaiah ii. 10-21. |
| Thursday | Romans viii. 24-39. | Isaiah lxiii. 1-6. |
| Friday | Mark xii. 1-12. | Joel ii. 1-11. |
| Saturday | Matthew xxv. 14-30. | Joel ii. 12-27. |
| 23D SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. | | |
| Monday | 1 Cor. iii. 1-23. | Joel iii. 1-13. |
| Tuesday | Matthew xix. 16-30. | Joel iii. 14-21. |
| Wednesday | Luke xiv. 12-15. | Obadiah 1-21. |
| Thursday | Mark xiii. 1-37. | Nahum i. 1-14. |
| Friday | Romans ix. 1-33. | Nahum i. 15-iii. 19. |
| Saturday | Romans x. 1-21. | Isaiah x. 5-27. |
| 24TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. | | |
| Monday | Romans xi. 1-33. | Isaiah xiii. 1-22. |
| Tuesday | 2 Thess. i. 11-ii. 17. | Isaiah xiv. 1-27. |
| Wednesday | 2 Thess. iii. 1-18. | Isaiah xlvii. 1-15. |
| Thursday | 2 Timothy iii. 1-17. | Daniel ii. 27-45. |
| Friday | 2 Timothy iv. 1-22. | Daniel vii. 1-28. |
| Saturday | Matthew xxiv. 1-14. | Daniel ix. 1-27. |
| 25TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. | | |
| Monday | Matthew xxiv. 29-51. | Daniel xi. 36-xii. 13. |
| Tuesday | Matthew xxii. 23-33. | Ezekiel xxxviii. 1-23. |
| Wednesday | 1 Cor. xv. 11-50. | Ezekiel xxxix. 1-29. |
| Thursday | Hebrews iii. 7-iv. 13. | Isaiah xliii. 14-25. |
| Friday | Hebrews xi. 8-16. | Isaiah xxxiii. 17-24. |
| Saturday | Hebrews xii. 18-29. | Ezekiel xxxvii. 1-14. |
| 26TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. | | |
| Monday | 1 Peter i. 1-12. | Zephaniah iii. 9-20. |
| Tuesday | 1 Peter i. 13-ii. 10. | Isaiah xxxiv. 1-17. |
| Wednesday | 1 Peter iv. 1-7. | Isaiah xxxv. 1-10. |
| Thursday | 1 Peter iv. 12-19. | Isaiah liv. 1-17. |
| Friday | 2 Peter i. 1-15. | Isaiah lx. 7-22. |
| Saturday | 2 Peter ii. 1-22. | Isaiah lxii. 1-12. |
| 27TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. | | |
| Monday | 2 Peter iii. 1-18. | Isaiah lxv. 17-25. |
| Tuesday | Jude 1-25. | Ezekiel xxxvii. 15-28. |
| Wednesday | 1 John ii. 18-29. | Habakkuk iii. 1-19. |
| Thursday | 1 John iii. 1-12. | Isaiah xl. 27-31. |
| Friday | 1 John iii. 19-24. | Jeremiah xiv. 7-9. |
| Saturday | 1 John iv. 1-8. | Malachi iii. 7-18. |

THE ORDER OF SERVICE.

THE ORDER OF MORNING SERVICE, OR THE COMMUNION.

¶ *A Hymn of Invocation of the Holy Ghost may be sung.*

¶ *The Congregation shall rise, and the Minister, standing at the Altar, shall say:*

IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Ghost.

¶ *The Congregation shall sing or say:*

Amen.

¶ *Then shall be said the Confession of Sins, as here followeth:*

The Confession of Sins.

BELOVED in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

¶ *Then, all kneeling or standing, shall be sung or said:*

Minister. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

Congregation. Who made heaven and earth.

Minister. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

Congregation. And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

ALMIGHTY God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee, that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and

deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

¶ *The Congregation shall say with the Minister :*

O most merciful God, who hast given Thine Only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us, and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins: and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee, and of Thy will, and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ *Then the Minister, standing, shall say :*

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, hath had mercy upon us, and hath given His Only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgiveth us all our sins. To them that believe on His Name, He giveth power to become the sons of God, and hath promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believeth, and is baptized, shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

¶ *Then shall the Congregation sing or say :*

Amen.

¶ *Then, all standing to the close of the Collect, shall be sung or said the Introit for the Day.*

The Introit.

¶ *The Introit with the Gloria Patri may be sung by the choir ; or the Introit may be said by the Minister, and the Gloria Patri sung or said by the Congregation. Instead of the Introit a Psalm or a Hymn may be used.*

Gloria Patri.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

¶ *Then shall follow the*

Kyrie.

¶ *The Kyrie may be sung or said by the Minister and Congregation, or each petition may be said by the Minister and sung or said by the Congregation in response.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.
 Christ, have mercy upon us.
 Lord, have mercy upon us.

¶ *Then shall be sung the Gloria in Excelsis as here followeth. Instead of the Gloria in Excelsis, another Canticle or Hymn of Praise may be sung, except on Festival days, and when there is a Communion.*

Gloria in Excelsis.

¶ *The Minister shall say :*

Glory be to God on high!

¶ *The Congregation shall sing :*

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth
 peace, good will towards men. We praise
 Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glor-
 ify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great
 glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the
 Father Almighty.

O Lord, the Only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 that takest away the sin of the world, have
 mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin
 of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sit-
 test at the right hand of God the Father, have
 mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the
 Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
 art most high in the glory of God the Father.
 Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say :*

The Lord be with you.

¶ *The Congregation shall sing or say :*

And with thy spirit.

¶ *The Minister shall say :*

Let us pray.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say the Collect for the Day.*

The Collect.

¶ *The Collect ended, the Congregation shall sing or say :*

Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Minister read the Epistle for the Day. Other Scripture Lessons may be read before the Epistle, but the Epistle and Gospel for the Day shall always be read. The Minister shall announce the Epistle, saying :*

The Epistle for (*here he shall name the Day*) is written in the —— Chapter of ——, beginning at the —— Verse.

The Epistle for the Day.

¶ *The Epistle ended, the Minister shall say :* Here endeth the Epistle.

¶ *Then shall the Hallelujah be sung or said, except in the Passion Season.*

The Hallelujah.

Hallelujah!

¶ *Instead of the simple Hallelujah, a Sentence for the Season of the Church-Year may be sung with it; or a Psalm or Hymn may be sung after the Hallelujah.*

The Hallelujah and Sentence.

For Advent.

Hallelujah! Remember, O Lord, Thy tender mercies: for they have been ever of old. Hallelujah!

For the Epiphany Season.

Hallelujah! O praise the Lord, all ye nations: and laud Him, all ye people. For His merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Hallelujah!

For the Passion Season.

Christ hath humbled Himself, and become obedient unto death: even the death of the Cross.

For the Easter Season.

Hallelujah! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Hallelujah!

For Whitsuntide.

Hallelujah! Thou sendest forth Thy Spirit, they are created: and Thou renewest the face of the earth. Hallelujah!

From Trinity to Advent.

Hallelujah! O Lord, deal with Thy servant according unto Thy mercy: and teach me Thy statutes. I am Thy servant, give me understanding: that I may know Thy testimonies. Hallelujah!

Or this:

Hallelujah! Blessed be the Lord God of our fathers: praise Him, and highly exalt Him for ever. Hallelujah!

¶ *Then shall the Minister announce the Gospel for the Day, saying:*

The Holy Gospel is written in the —— Chapter of St. ——, beginning at the —— Verse.

¶ *The Congregation may sing or say:*

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¶ *Then shall the Minister read*

The Gospel for the Day.

¶ *The Gospel ended, the Minister shall say: Here endeth the Gospel, and the Congregation shall stand up, unless they have stood at the reading of the Gospel, and shall sing or say:*

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

¶ *Then shall be said or sung the Nicene Creed, or the Apostles' Creed; but if there be a Communion, the Nicene Creed shall be used.*

The Nicene Creed.

I BELIEVE in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all

things were made; Who, for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; And I look for the Resurrection of the dead; And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed.

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting. Amen.

¶ *Then may a Hymn be sung and the Minister shall go into the pulpit. After the Hymn shall follow*

The Sermon.

¶ *The Sermon ended, the Congregation standing up, the Minister shall say :*

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

¶ *The Offertory shall then be sung, at the close of which the Congregation shall be seated.*

¶ *One of the Offertories here following, or any other suitable Offertory, may be used.*

The Offertory.

I.

THE sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.

Do good in Thy good pleasure unto Zion: Build Thou the walls of Jerusalem.

Then shalt Thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness: with burnt-offering and whole burnt-offering.

II.

CREATE in me a clean heart, O God: and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence: and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation: and uphold me with Thy free Spirit.

¶ *The Offerings shall be gathered and brought to the Minister, who shall place them on the Altar.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister make mention of any special petitions, intercessions or thanksgivings which may have been requested. He may also make mention of the death of any member of the Congregation.*

¶ *Then shall follow the General Prayer. The Prayer here following may be used; or, if there be no Communion, the Litany, or a selection from the Collects and Prayers, or any other suitable prayer.*

The General Prayer.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: We give Thee thanks for all Thy goodness and tender mercies, especially for the gift of Thy dear Son, and for the revelation of Thy will and grace; and we beseech Thee so to implant Thy Word in us, that, in good and honest hearts, we may keep it, and bring forth fruit by patient continuance in well doing.

Most heartily we beseech Thee so to rule and govern Thy Church universal, with all its pastors and ministers, that it may be preserved in the pure doctrine of Thy saving Word, whereby faith toward Thee may be strengthened, and charity increased in us toward all mankind.

Grant also health and prosperity to all that are in authority, especially to the President [and Congress] of the United States, the Governor [and Legislature] of this Commonwealth, and to all our Judges and Magistrates; and endue them with grace to rule after Thy good pleasure, to the maintenance of righteousness, and to the hinderance and punishment of wickedness, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, in all godliness and honesty.

May it please Thee also to turn the hearts of our enemies and adversaries, that they may cease their enmity, and be inclined to walk with us in meekness and in peace.

All who are in trouble, want, sickness, anguish of labor, peril of death, or any other adversity, especially those who are in suffering for Thy Name and for Thy truth's sake, comfort, O God, with Thy Holy Spirit, that they may receive and acknowledge their afflictions as the manifestation of Thy fatherly will.

And although we have deserved Thy righteous wrath and manifold punishments, yet, we entreat Thee, O most merciful Father, remember not the sins of our youth, nor our many transgressions; but out of Thine unspeakable goodness, grace and mercy, defend us from all harm and danger of body and soul. Preserve us from false and pernicious doctrine, from war and bloodshed, from plague and pestilence, from all calamity by fire and water, from hail and tempest, from failure of harvest and from famine, from anguish of heart and despair of Thy mercy, and from an evil death. And in every time of trouble, show Thyself a very present Help, the Saviour of all men, and especially of them that believe.

Cause also the needful fruits of the earth to prosper, that we may enjoy them in due season. Give success to the Christian training of the young, to all lawful occupations on land and sea, and to all pure arts and useful knowledge; and crown them with Thy blessing.

¶ *Here special Supplications, Intercessions, and Prayers may be made.*

These, and whatsoever other things Thou wouldest have us ask of Thee, O God, vouchsafe unto us for the sake of the bitter sufferings and death of Jesus Christ, Thine only Son, our Lord and Saviour, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

¶ *Then shall the Minister, and the Congregation with him, say the Lord's Prayer.*

The Lord's Prayer.

OUR Father, who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us

this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *Then shall be sung a Hymn.*

¶ *If there be no Communion, a Doxology may be sung, and the Minister, standing at the Altar, shall pronounce the Benediction, after which the Congregation shall offer silent prayer.*

The Benediction.

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee.

The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

¶ *The Congregation shall sing or say :*

Amen.

¶ *Whilst the Hymn is sung, the Minister shall go to the Altar, make ready the Communion vessels, and prepare for the administration of the Holy Communion.*

¶ *The Hymn ended, the Congregation shall rise, and stand to the end of the Agnus Dei.*

The Preface.

¶ *The Minister shall say :*

The Lord be with you.

¶ *The Congregation shall sing or say :*

And with thy spirit.

Minister. Lift up your hearts.

Congregation. We lift them up unto the Lord.

Minister. Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

Congregation. It is meet and right so to do.

Minister. It is truly meet, right, and salutary, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty Everlasting God.

¶ *Here shall follow the Proper Preface, according to the time, if there be any specially appointed, or else immediately shall follow, Therefore with angels, etc.*

Proper Prefaces.

For Christmas.

FOR in the mystery of the Word made flesh, Thou hast given us a new revelation of Thy glory; that seeing Thee in the person of Thy Son, we may be drawn to the love of those things which are not seen. Therefore with Angels, etc.

For the Passion Season.

WHO on the tree of the Cross didst give salvation unto mankind; that whence death arose, thence life also might rise again: and that he who by a tree once overcame, might likewise by a tree be overcome, through Christ our Lord; through Whom with Angels, etc.

For the Easter Season.

BUT chiefly are we bound to praise Thee for the glorious Resurrection of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord: for He is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; Who by His death hath destroyed death, and by His rising to life again, hath restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Angels, etc.

For Ascension Day.

THROUGH Jesus Christ our Lord, Who after His Resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples, and in their sight was taken up into Heaven, that He

might make us partakers of His Divine Nature. Therefore with Angels, etc.

For Whitsunday.

THROUGH Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our Lord and Saviour; Who ascending above the heavens, and sitting at Thy right hand, poured out on this day the Holy Spirit as He had promised, upon the chosen disciples; whereat the whole earth rejoices with exceeding joy. Therefore with Angels, etc.

For the Festival of the Trinity.

WHO with Thine Only-begotten Son, and the Holy Ghost, art one God, one Lord. And in the confession of the only true God, we worship the Trinity in Person, and the Unity in Substance, of Majesty co-equal. Therefore with Angels, etc.

¶ *After the Preface shall follow immediately :*

THEREFORE with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious Name; evermore praising Thee, and saying:

¶ *Then shall be sung or said the*

Sanctus.

HOLY, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory; Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

¶ *Then may the Minister give this Exhortation.*

The Exhortation.

DEARLY Beloved! Forasmuch as we purpose to come to the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, it becometh us diligently to exam-

ine ourselves, as St. Paul exhorteth us. For this Holy Sacrament hath been instituted for the special comfort and strengthening of those who humbly confess their sins, and who hunger and thirst after righteousness.

But if we thus examine ourselves, we shall find nothing in us but only sin and death, from which we can in no wise set ourselves free. Therefore our Lord Jesus Christ hath had mercy upon us, and hath taken upon Himself our nature, that so He might fulfil for us the whole will and law of God, and for us and for our deliverance suffer death and all that we by our sins have deserved. And to the end that we should the more confidently believe this, and be strengthened by our faith in a cheerful obedience to His holy will, He hath instituted the Holy Sacrament of His Supper, in which He feedeth us with His Body, and giveth us to drink of His Blood.

Therefore whoso eateth of this bread, and drinketh of this cup, firmly believing the words of Christ, dwelleth in Christ, and Christ in him, and hath eternal life.

We should also do this in remembrance of Him, showing His death, that He was delivered for our offences, and raised again for our justification, and rendering unto Him most hearty thanks for the same, take up our cross and follow Him, and according to His commandment, love one another even as He hath loved us. For we are all one bread and one body, even as we are all partakers of this one bread, and drink of this one cup.

¶ *Then the Minister, turning to the Altar, shall say:*

Let us pray.

OUR Father, who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

¶ *Then shall the Congregation sing or say:*

Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

OUR Lord Jesus Christ, in the night in which He was be-^{(a) Here he shall take the Plate with the Bread in his hand.}trayed, took bread; (a) and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you; this do in remembrance of Me.

After the same manner, also, He^{(b) Here he shall take the Cup in his hand.} took the cup, (b) when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in My Blood, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; this do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

The peace of the Lord be with you alway.

¶ *Then shall be sung or said the Agnus Dei and the Distribution shall begin.*

Agnus Dei.

CHRIST, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.
Amen.

¶ *When the Minister giveth the Bread, he shall say :*

Take and eat, this is the Body of Christ given for thee.

¶ *When he giveth the Cup, he shall say :*

Take and drink, this is the Blood of the New Testament, shed for thy sins.

¶ *In dismissing the Communicants, the Minister may say :*

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ and His precious Blood strengthen and preserve you in the true faith unto everlasting life.

¶ *If the consecrated Bread or Wine be spent before all have communed, the Minister shall consecrate more, saying aloud so much of the Words of Institution as pertaineth to the element to be consecrated.*

¶ *When all have communed, the Minister shall reverently cover what remaineth of the Bread and Wine.*

¶ *Then, all standing, may be sung or said the*

Nunc Dimittis.

LORD, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace: according to Thy word:

For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation: which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

A light to lighten the Gentiles: and the glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

¶ *Then shall be said :*

The Thanksgiving.

Minister.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

¶ *The Congregation shall sing or say :*

And His mercy endureth for ever.

Minister.

WE give thanks to Thee, Almighty God, that Thou hast refreshed us through this salutary gift; and we beseech Thee, that of Thy mercy Thou wouldst strengthen us through the same in faith toward Thee and in fervent love toward one another, through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

¶ *The Congregation shall sing or say :*

Amen.

¶ *Then may be sung or said the*

Benedicamus.

Minister. The Lord be with you.

Congregation. And with thy spirit.

Minister. Bless we the Lord.

Congregation. Thanks be to God.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say the Benediction as here followeth, or he may say the words 2 Cor. xiii. 14.*

¶ *After the Benediction the Congregation should offer silent prayer.*

The Benediction.

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee.

The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

¶ *The Congregation shall sing or say :*

Amen.

THE ORDER OF EVENING SERVICE, OR VESPERS.

¶ *A Hymn of Invocation of the Holy Ghost, or another Hymn, may be sung.*

¶ *Then shall be sung or said responsively the Versicle with the Gloria Patri as here followeth, all standing to the end of the Psalm.*

Versicle. Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

Answer. Make haste to help me, O Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Hallelujah!

¶ *During the Passion Season the Hallelujah shall be omitted.*

The Psalm.

¶ *Then shall be sung or said one or more Psalms. At the end of the Psalm the Gloria Patri shall be sung. An Antiphon may be used with each Psalm.*

The Lesson.

¶ *The Scripture Lessons shall then be read, and after each Lesson may be sung or said:*

But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Answer. Thanks be to God.

¶ *After the Lessons a Responsory may be sung.*

¶ *Then may follow a SERMON, after which the Offerings may be gathered.*

¶ *Then shall be sung*

The Hymn.

¶ *Then, all standing, may be sung or said this Versicle. But on Festival days, a special Versicle may be used.*

Versicle. Let my prayer be set forth before Thee as incense:

Answer. And the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

The Canticle.

¶ *Then shall be sung the*

Magnificat. St. Luke i.

MY soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For He hath regarded: the low estate of His handmaiden.

For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.

For He that is mighty hath done to me great things: and holy is His name.

And His mercy is on them that fear Him: from generation to generation.

He hath showed strength with His arm: He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seats: and exalted them of low degree.

He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich He hath sent empty away.

He hath holpen His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy: as He spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed, for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son· and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be· world without end. Amen.

¶ *Or the**Nunc Dimittis.* St. Luke ii.

LORD, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart
in peace: according to Thy word:

For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation: which
Thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

A light to lighten the Gentiles: and the glory
of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and
to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever
shall be: world without end. Amen.

¶ *An Antiphon may be sung with the Canticle.**The Prayer.*¶ *Then shall be said the Prayers here following, or the Suffrages, the Litany, or other prayers.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

¶ *Then all shall say:*

OUR Father, who art in heaven; Hallowed be
Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will
be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this
day our daily bread; And forgive us our tres-
passes, as we forgive those who trespass against
us; And lead us not into temptation; But de-
liver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and
the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Salutation. The Lord be with you.

Answer. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

¶ *Then shall be said the Collect for the day ; the Collect for the Sunday is said throughout the week following until Friday, but on Saturday the Collect for the following Sunday is said. Then may be said any other Collects, and after that this Collect for Peace. A Versicle may be used with the Collect.*

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; Give unto Thy servants that peace, which the world cannot give ; that our hearts may be set to obey Thy commandments, and also that by Thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

¶ *Then may be sung or said the*

Benedicamus.

Bless we the Lord.

Answer. Thanks be to God.

¶ *The Service may end with the Benedicamus ; or a Closing Hymn may be sung, after which may be said :*

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all.

Amen.

¶ *At the close of the Service silent prayer should be offered.*

THE ORDER OF EARLY SERVICE, OR MATINS.

¶ *A Hymn of Invocation of the Holy Ghost, or another Hymn, may be sung.*

¶ *Then shall be sung or said the Versicles here following, all standing to the end of the Venite.*

Versicle. O Lord, open Thou my lips.

Answer. And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

Versicle. Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

Answer. Make haste to help me, O Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Hallelujah.

¶ *During the Passion Season the Hallelujah shall be omitted.*

¶ *Then shall follow the Invitatory with the Venite. On Festival days, a special Invitatory may be used.*

The Invitatory.

O come, let us worship the Lord:
For He is our Maker.

Venite Exultemus. Ps. xcv.

O COME, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving: and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God: and a great King above all gods.

In His hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is His also.

The sea is His, and He made it: and His hands formed the dry land.

O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For He is our God: and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost,

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

The Hymn.

¶ *The Hymn shall then be sung.*

The Psalm.

¶ *Then, all standing to the end of the Psalm, shall be sung or said one or more Psalms. At the end of the Psalm, the Gloria Patri shall be sung. An Antiphon may be used with each Psalm.*

The Lesson.

¶ *The Scripture Lessons shall then be read. After each Lesson may be sung or said:*

But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Answer. Thanks be to God.

¶ *After the Lessons a Responsory may be sung.*

¶ *A brief Exhortation, or Sermon, may then follow.*

The Canticle.

¶ *The Congregation shall stand and sing the Te Deum Laudamus, or the Benedictus. An Antiphon may be sung with the Benedictus.*

Te Deum Laudamus.

WE praise Thee, O God: we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship Thee: the Father everlasting.

To Thee all angels cry aloud: the heavens,
and all the powers therein.

To Thee Cherubim and Seraphim: continually
do cry,

Holy, Holy, Holy: Lord God of Sabaoth;

Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty: of
Thy Glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles: praise
Thee.

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets: praise
Thee.

The noble army of Martyrs: praise Thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world:
doth acknowledge Thee;

The Father: of an infinite Majesty;

Thine adorable, true: and only Son;

Also the Holy Ghost: the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory: O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son: of the Father.

When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man:
Thou didst humble Thyself to be born of a Vir-
gin.

When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of
death: Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven
to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God: in the
glory of the Father.

We believe that Thou shalt come: to be our
Judge.

We therefore pray Thee, help Thy servants:
whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious
blood.

Make them to be numbered with Thy saints:
in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save Thy people: and bless Thine
heritage.

Govern them: and lift them up for ever.

Day by day: we magnify Thee.

And we worship Thy name: ever, world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord: to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us: have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us: as our trust is in Thee.

O Lord, in Thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded. Amen.

Or:

Benedictus. St. Luke i.

BLESSED be the Lord God of Israel: for He hath visited and redeemed His people;

And hath raised up a horn of salvation for us: in the house of His servant David;

As He spake by the mouth of His holy prophets: which have been since the world began;

That we should be saved from our enemies: and from the hand of all that hate us;

To perform the mercy promised to our fathers: and to remember His holy covenant;

The oath which He sware to our father Abraham: that He would grant unto us;

That we, being delivered out of the hand of our enemies: might serve Him without fear,

In holiness and righteousness before Him: all the days of our life.

And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways;

To give knowledge of salvation unto His people: by the remission of their sins,

Through the tender mercy of our God:

whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us ;

To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death : to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost ;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

The Prayer.

¶ *Then shall be said the Prayers here following, or the Suffrages, the Litany, or other prayers.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

¶ *Then all shall say :*

OUR Father, who art in heaven ; Hallowed be Thy Name ; Thy kingdom come ; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven ; Give us this day our daily bread ; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us ; And lead us not into temptation ; But deliver us from evil ; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *One or more Collects may be used, with the Salutation, which may be preceded by a Versicle. After each Collect the Congregation shall sing or say :*

Amen.

¶ *Then may be sung or said the Benedicamus with the Salutation.*

The Lord be with you.

Answer. And with thy spirit.

Benedicamus.

Bless we the Lord.

Answer. Thanks be to God.

¶ *The Service may end with the Benedicamus ; or a closing Hymn may be sung, after which may be said :*

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all.

Amen.

¶ *At the close of the Service silent prayer should be offered.*

INTROITS AND COLLECTS FOR THE CHURCH YEAR.

¶ *The Introits have their proper music, but they may be sung to the Psalm tones. The Introit, as far as the Psalm, may be repeated after the Gloria Patri.*

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT.

Introit.

UNTIL Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul : O my God,
I trust in Thee ;

Let me not be ashamed : Let not mine enemies triumph
over me ;

Yea, let none that wait on Thee : be ashamed.

Psalm. Shew me Thy ways, O Lord : teach me Thy paths.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

STIR up, we beseech Thee, Thy power, O Lord, and
come ; that by Thy protection we may be rescued from
the threatening perils of our sins, and saved by Thy mighty
deliverance ; Who livest and reignest with the Father and
the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Rom. xiii. 11-14. Gospel, Matt. xxi. 1-9.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT.

Introit.

DAUGHTER of Zion : behold thy salvation cometh.

The Lord shall cause His glorious voice to be heard :
and ye shall have gladness of heart.

Ps. Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel : Thou that leadest
Joseph like a flock.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

STIR up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of
Thine Only-Begotten Son, so that by His coming we
may be enabled to serve Thee with pure minds ; Who liveth
and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God,
world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Romans xv. 4-13. Gospel, Luke xxi. 25-36.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT.

Introit.

REJOICE in the Lord alway : and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men : the Lord is at hand.

Be careful for nothing : but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

Ps. Lord, Thou hast been favorable unto 'Thy land : Thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

LORD, we beseech Thee, give ear to our prayers, and lighten the darkness of our hearts, by Thy gracious visitation ; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, 1 Cor. iv. 1-5. *Gospel*, Matt. xi. 2-10.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT.

Introit.

DROP down, ye heavens, from above : and let the skies pour down righteousness :

Let the earth open : and bring forth salvation.

Ps. The heavens declare the glory of God : and the firmament sheweth His handywork.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

STIR up, O Lord, we beseech Thee, Thy power, and come, and with great might succor us, that by the help of Thy grace whatsoever is hindered by our sins may be speedily accomplished, through Thy mercy and satisfaction ; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Philippians iv. 4-7. *Gospel*, John i. 19-28.

Other Collects for the Season of Advent.

MERCIFULLY hear, O Lord, the prayers of Thy people ; that as they rejoice in the Advent of Thine Only-Begotten Son according to the flesh, so when He cometh a second time in His Majesty, they may receive the reward of eternal life ; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord ; Who liveth, &c.

O GOD, Who dost gladden us with the yearly anticipation of our Redemption; Grant that we who now joyfully receive Thine Only-Begotten Son as our Redeemer, may also behold Him without fear when He cometh as our Judge; Who liveth, &c.

MOST merciful God, Who hast given Thine eternal Word to be made incarnate of the pure Virgin; Grant unto Thy people grace to put away fleshly lusts, that so they may be ready for Thy visitation; through the same, Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth, &c.

CHRISTMAS.

Introit.

UNTO us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder.

And His Name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God: the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

Ps. O sing unto the Lord a new song: for He hath done marvellous things.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect for Christmas Night.

O GOD, Who hast made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light; Grant, we beseech Thee, that as we have known on earth the mysteries of that Light, we may also come to the fullness of its joys in heaven; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Collect for Christmas Day.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the new birth of Thine Only-Begotten Son in the flesh may set us free who are held in the old bondage under the yoke of sin; through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Tit. ii: 11-14; Isa. ix: 2-7. *Gospel*, Luke ii: 1-14.

SECOND CHRISTMAS DAY.

[*The Introit and Collect are the same as for Christmas Day.*]

Epistle, Titus iii: 4-7. *Gospel*, Luke ii: 15-20.

SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS.

Introit.

THY testimonies are very sure: holiness becometh
Thine house, O Lord, forever.

Thy throne is established of old: Thou art from everlasting.

Ps. The Lord reigneth, He is clothed with majesty: the Lord is clothed with strength, wherewith He hath girded Himself.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, direct our actions according to Thy good pleasure, that in the Name of Thy beloved Son, we may be made to abound in good works; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Galatians iv: 1-7. *Gospel*, Luke ii: 33-40.

THE CIRCUMCISION OF CHRIST—NEW YEAR.

Introit.

O LORD, our Lord, how excellent is Thy Name in all the earth: Who hast set Thy glory above the heavens.

What is man that Thou art mindful of him: and the son of man that Thou visitest him?

Ps. Thou, O Lord, art our Father and our Redeemer: from everlasting is Thy Name.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O LORD God, Who, for our sakes, hast made Thy Blessed Son our Saviour subject to the Law, and caused Him to endure the circumcision of the flesh; Grant

us the true circumcision of the Spirit, that our hearts may be pure from all sinful desires and lusts; through the same Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift; we give Thee thanks for all Thy benefits, temporal and spiritual, bestowed upon us in the year past, and we beseech Thee of Thy goodness, grant us a favorable and joyful year, defend us from all dangers and adversities, and send upon us the fullness of Thy blessing; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, &c.

Epistle, Galatians iii: 23-29. *Gospel*, Luke ii: 21.

SUNDAY AFTER NEW YEAR.

[*The Introit and Collect are the same as for the Sunday after Christmas.*]

Epistle, 1 Peter iv: 12-19. *Gospel*, Matt. ii: 13-23.

EPIPHANY.

Introit.

BEHOLD the Lord, the Ruler hath come: and the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory are in His hand.

Ps. Give the King Thy judgments, O God: and Thy righteousness unto the King's Son.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O GOD, Who by the leading of a star didst manifest Thy Only-Begotten Son to the Gentiles; Mercifully grant, that we, who know Thee now by faith, may after this life have the fruition of Thy glorious Godhead; through the same, Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Isaiah lx: 1-6. *Gospel*, Matt. ii: 1-12.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

Introit.

I SAW also the Lord, sitting upon a throne: high and lifted up.

And I heard the voice of a great multitude, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.

Ps. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O LORD, we beseech Thee mercifully to receive the prayers of Thy people who call upon Thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Rom. xii: 1-5. *Gospel*, Luke ii: 41-52.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

Introit.

ALL the earth shall worship Thee: and shall sing unto Thee, O God.

They shall sing to Thy Name: O Thou Most Highest.

Ps. Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands: sing forth the honor of His Name, make His praise glorious.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, Who dost govern all things in heaven and earth; Mercifully hear the supplications of Thy people, and grant us Thy peace all the days of our life; through Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Romans xii: 6-16. *Gospel*, John ii: 1-11.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

Introit.

WORSHIP Him, all ye His angels: Zion heard and was glad.

The daughters of Judah rejoiced: because of Thy judgments, O Lord.

Ps. The Lord reigneth, let the earth rejoice: let the multitude of isles be glad thereof.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth the right hand of Thy Majesty, to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Rom. xii: 16-21. *Gospel*, Matt. viii: 1-13.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

[*The Introit is the same as for the Third Sunday after Epiphany.*]

Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, Who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright; Grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Rom. xiii: 8-10. *Gospel*, Matt. viii: 23-27.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

[*The Introit is the same as for the Third Sunday after Epiphany.*]

Collect.

O LORD, we beseech Thee to keep Thy Church and Household continually in Thy true religion; that they who do lean only upon the hope of Thy heavenly grace may evermore be defended by Thy mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Col. iii: 12-17. *Gospel*, Matt. xiii: 24-30.

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

Introit.

THE lightnings lightened the world: the earth trembled and shook.

Ps. How amiable are Thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts: My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O GOD, Who in the glorious Transfiguration of Thy Only-Begotten Son, hast confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of the fathers, and who, in the voice that came from the bright cloud, didst in a wonderful manner foreshow the adoption of sons: Mercifully vouchsafe to make us co-heirs with the King of his glory, and bring us to the enjoyment of the same; through the same, our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, 2 Peter i. 16-21. *Gospel*, Matt. xvii: 1-9.

SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY.

Introit.

THE sorrows of death compassed me: the sorrows of hell compassed me about.

In my distress, I called upon the Lord: and He heard my voice out of His temple.

Ps. I will love Thee, O Lord my Strength: the Lord is my Rock and my Fortress!

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O LORD, we beseech Thee favorably to hear the prayers of Thy people: that we, who are justly punished for our offences, may be mercifully delivered by Thy goodness, for the glory of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, 1 Cor. ix: 24—x: 5. *Gospel*, Matt. xx: 1-16.

SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY.

Introit.

A WAKE, why sleepest Thou, O Lord?: Arise, cast us not off forever.

Wherefore hidest Thou Thy face: and forgettest our affliction?

Our soul is bowed down to the dust: arise for our help and redeem us.

Ps. We have heard with our ears, O God: our fathers have told us what work Thou didst in their days.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O GOD, Who seest that we put not our trust in anything that we do: Mercifully grant, that by the power of Thy Son, the Teacher of nations, we may be defended against all adversity; through the same, our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, 2 Cor. xi: 19—xii: 9. *Gospel*, Luke viii: 4—15.

QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY.

Introit.

BE Thou my strong Rock: for an house of defence to save me.

Thou art my Rock and my Fortress: therefore for Thy Name's sake lead me and guide me.

Ps. In Thee, O Lord, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed: deliver me in Thy righteousness.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O LORD, we beseech Thee mercifully hear our prayers, and, having set us free from the bonds of sin, defend us from all evil; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, 1 Cor. xiii: 1—13. *Gospel*, Luke xviii: 31—43.

ASH WEDNESDAY, OR FIRST DAY OF LENT.

Introit.

I WILL cry unto God Most High: unto God that performeth all things for me.

Yea, in the shadow of Thy wings will I make my refuge: until these calamities be overpast.

Ps. Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me for my soul trusteth in Thee.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, Who hatest nothing that Thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent; Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Joel ii: 12-19. *Gospel*, Matt. vi: 16-21.

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT (INVOCAVIT).

Introit.

HE shall call upon Me, and I will answer him: I will deliver him and honor him.

With long life will I satisfy him: and show him my salvation.

Ps. He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High: shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O LORD, mercifully hear our prayer, and stretch forth the right hand of Thy Majesty to defend us from them that rise up against us; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, 2 Cor. vi: 1-10. *Gospel*, Matt. iv: 1-11.

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT (REMINISCERE).

Introit.

REMEMBER, O Lord, Thy tender mercies and Thy loving-kindnesses: for they have been ever of old.

Let not mine enemies triumph over me: God of Israel, deliver us out of all our troubles.

Ps. Unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul: O my God, I trust in Thee; Let me not be ashamed.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O GOD, Who seest that of ourselves we have no strength; Keep us both outwardly and inwardly; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, 1 Thess. iv: 1-7. *Gospel*, Matt. xv: 21-28.

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT (OCULI).

Introit.

MINE eyes are ever toward the Lord: for He shall pluck my feet out of the net.

Turn Thee unto me, and have mercy upon me: for I am desolate and afflicted.

Ps. Unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul: O my God, I trust in Thee; let me not be ashamed.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

WE beseech Thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of Thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of Thy Majesty to be our defence against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Ephesians v: 1-9. *Gospel*, Luke xi: 14-28.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT (LÆTARE).

Introit.

REJOICE ye with Jerusalem, and be glad with her: all ye that love her.

Rejoice for joy with her: all ye that mourn for her.

Ps. I was glad when they said unto me: Let us go into the house of the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of Thy grace may mercifully be relieved; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Galatians iv.: 21-31 *Gospel*, John vi: 1-15.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT (JUDICA).

Introit.

JUDGE me, O God: and plead my cause against an ungodly nation.

O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man: for Thou art the God of my strength.

Ps. O send out Thy light and Thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto Thy holy hill.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

WE beseech Thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon Thy people, that by Thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Hebrews ix: 11-15. *Gospel*, John viii: 46-59.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT (PALMARUM).

Introit.

BE not Thou far from me, O Lord: O my strength, haste Thee to help me.

Save me from the lion's mouth: and deliver me from the horns of the unicorns.

Ps. My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?: Why art Thou so far from helping me?

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

ALmighty and Everlasting God, Who hast sent Thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon Him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of His great humility: Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of His patience, and also be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who

liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Philippians ii: 5-11. *Gospel*, Matt. xxi: 1-9.

MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK.

Introit.

PLEAD my cause, O Lord, with them that strive with me: fight against them that fight against me.

Take hold of shield and buckler: and stand up for mine help.

Ps. Draw out also the spear, and stop the way against them that persecute me: say unto my soul, I am Thy salvation.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we, who amid so many adversities do fail through our own infirmities, may be restored through the passion and intercession of Thine Only-Begotten Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Is. i: 5-10. *Gospel*, John xii: 1-23, or The Passion History.

TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK.

Introit.

GOD forbid that I should glory: save in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In Him is salvation, life, and resurrection from the dead: by Him we are redeemed and set at liberty.

Ps. God be merciful unto us, and bless us: and cause His face to shine upon us.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, Grant us grace so to pass through this holy time of our Lord's Passion, that we may obtain the pardon of our sins; through the same, Thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen*

Epistle, Jer. xi: 18-20. *Gospel*, John xii: 24-43, or The Passion History.

WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK.

Introit.

AT the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow : of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth.

For He became obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross : wherefore He is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Ps. Hear my prayer, O Lord : and let my cry come unto Thee.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds are continually afflicted, may mercifully be relieved by the Passion of Thine Only-Begotten Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Is. lxii : 11; lxiii : 1-7. *Gospel*, Luke xxii : 1-xxiii : 42, or The Passion History.

THURSDAY IN HOLY WEEK.

The Introit is the same as for Tuesday.

Collect.

O LORD God, Who hast left unto us in a wonderful Sacrament a memorial of Thy Passion; Grant, we beseech Thee, that we may so use this Sacrament of Thy Body and Blood, that the fruits of Thy redemption may continually be manifest in us; Thou, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, 1 Cor. xi : 23-32. *Gospel*, John xiii : 1-15, or The Passion History.

GOOD FRIDAY.

The same Introit as for Tuesday, or this :

SURELY He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows : He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities.

All we like sheep have gone astray : and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Ps. Hear my prayer, O Lord: and let my cry come unto Thee.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collects.

ALMIGHTY God, we beseech Thee graciously to behold this Thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the Cross; who now liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

MERCIFUL and Everlasting God, Who hast not spared Thine only Son, but delivered Him up for us all, that He might bear our sins upon the Cross; Grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the same, Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, Who hast willed that Thy Son should bear for us the pains of the Cross, that Thou mightest remove from us the power of the adversary; Help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's Passion that we may obtain remission of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through the same, our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Epistle, Isa. lii: 13—liii: 12. Gospel, John xviii: 1—xix: 42, or The Passion History.

EASTER.

Introit.

WHEN I awake, I am still with Thee. Hallelujah!: Thou hast laid Thine hand upon me. Hallelujah!

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me: it is high, I cannot attain unto it. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Ps. O Lord, Thou hast searched me, and known me: Thou knowest my down-sitting and mine uprising.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

or,

HE is risen, Hallelujah!: Why seek ye the Living among the dead? Hallelujah!

Remember how He spake unto you, Hallelujah: the Son of man must be crucified, and the third day rise again. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Ps. Thou crownedst Him with glory and honor: Thou madest Him to have dominion over the works of thy hands.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

The Collect for Easter Eve.

O GOD, Who didst enlighten this most holy night with the glory of the Lord's Resurrection; Preserve in all Thy people the spirit of adoption which Thou hast given, so that renewed in body and soul they may perform unto Thee a pure service; through the same, our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Collect for Easter Day.

A LMIGHTY God, Who, through Thine Only-Begotten Son, Jesus Christ, hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life; We humbly beseech Thee, that, as Thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by Thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Other Easter Collects.

G RANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we who celebrate Thy Paschal Feast, kindled with heavenly desires, may ever thirst for the Fountain of Life, Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

G RANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we who celebrate the solemnities of the Lord's Resurrection, may by the renewal of Thy Holy Spirit rise again from the death of the soul; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Epistle, 1 Cor. v: 6-8. *Gospel*, Mark xvi: 1-8.

EASTER MONDAY.

The Introit and the Collect are the same as for Easter Day.

Epistle, Acts x: 34-41. *Gospel*, Luke xxiv: 13-35.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER (QUASIMODO GENITI).

Introit.

A S newborn babes: desire the sincere milk of the Word.

Hear, O my people, and I will testify unto thee: O Israel, if thou wilt hearken unto me.

Ps. Sing aloud unto God our strength: make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we who have celebrated the solemnities of the Lord's Resurrection, may, by the help of Thy grace, bring forth the fruits thereof in our life and conversation; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, 1 John v: 4-12. *Gospel*, John xx: 19-31.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER (MISERICORDIAS).

Introit.

THE earth is full of the goodness of the Lord:

By the Word of the Lord were the heavens made.

Ps. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

GOD, Who, by the humiliation of Thy Son, didst raise up the fallen world; Grant unto Thy faithful ones perpetual gladness, and those whom thou hast delivered from the danger of everlasting death, do Thou make partakers of eternal joys; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, 1 Peter ii: 21-25. *Gospel*, John x: 11-16.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER (JUBILATE).

Introit.

MAKE a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands:

Sing forth the honor of His Name; make His praise glorious.

Ps. Say unto God, how terrible art Thou in Thy works: through the greatness of Thy power shall Thine enemies submit themselves unto Thee.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, Who showest to them that be in error the light of Thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness; Grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Religion that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, 1 Peter ii: 11-20. *Gospel*, John xvi: 16-23.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER (CANTATE).

Introit.

OSING unto the Lord a new song: for He hath done marvellous things.

The Lord hath made known His salvation: His righteousness hath He openly showed in the sight of the heathen.

Ps. His right hand, and His holy arm: hath gotten Him the victory.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O GOD, Who makest the minds of the faithful to be of one will; Grant unto Thy people that they may love what Thou commandest, and desire what Thou dost promise; that among the manifold changes of this world, our hearts may there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, James i: 16-21. *Gospel*, John xvi: 5-15.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER (ROGATE).

Introit.

WITH the voice of singing declare ye, and tell this: utter it even to the end of the earth. Hallelujah.

The Lord hath redeemed His servant Jacob: Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

Ps. Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands: sing forth the honor of His Name; make His praise glorious.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O GOD, from Whom all good things do come; Grant to us Thy humble servants, that by Thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be right, and by Thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, James i: 22-27. *Gospel*, John xvi: 23-30

ASCENSION DAY.

Introit.

YE men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven?: Hallelujah!

This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven: Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Ps. O clap your hands, all ye people: shout unto God with the voice of triumph.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe Thy Only-Begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to have ascended into the heavens; so may we also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with Him continually dwell, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O KING of Glory, Lord of Hosts, Who didst this Day ascend in triumph far above all heavens; We beseech Thee leave us not comfortless, but send to us the Spirit of Truth, promised of the Father; O Thou, who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Acts i: 1-11. *Gospel*, Mark xvi: 14-20.

SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION (EXAUDI).

Introit.

HEAR, O Lord, when I cry with my voice: Hallelujah. When Thou saidst, seek ye My face; my heart said unto Thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek: Hide not Thy face from me. Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

Ps. The Lord is my Light, and my Salvation : whom shall I fear ?

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

ALMIGHTY, Everlasting God ; Make us to have always a devout will towards Thee, and to serve Thy Majesty with a pure heart ; through Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, 1 Peter iv : 7-11. *Gospel*, John xv : 26—xvi : 4.

WHITSUNDAY.

Introit.

THE Spirit of the Lord filleth the world : Hallelujah !
Let the righteous be glad ; let them rejoice before God : yea, let them exceedingly rejoice. Hallelujah !
Hallelujah !

Ps. Let God arise ; let His enemies be scattered : let them also that hate Him flee before Him.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O GOD, Who didst teach the hearts of Thy faithful people, by sending to them the light of Thy Holy Spirit ; Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort ; through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who with Thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Acts ii : 1-13. *Gospel*, John xiv : 23-31.

MONDAY IN WHITSUN-WEEK.

The Introit is the same as for Whitsunday.

Collect.

O GOD, Who didst give Thy Holy Spirit to Thine Apostles ; Grant unto Thy people the performance of their petitions, so that on us to whom Thou hast given faith, Thou mayest also bestow peace ; through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who with Thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Acts x ; 42-48. *Gospel*, John iii : 16-21.

THE FESTIVAL OF THE TRINITY.

Introit.

BLESSED be the Holy Trinity, and the undivided Unity:

Let us give glory to Him because He hath shown His mercy to us.

Ps. O Lord, our Lord: how excellent is Thy Name in all the earth!

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Or,

HOLY, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of Hosts: of Him, and through Him, and to Him, are all things.

Ps. O Lord, our Lord: how excellent is Thy Name in all the earth.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, Who hast given unto us, Thy servants, grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the Eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity; We beseech Thee, that Thou wouldest keep us steadfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities, who livest and reignest, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Romans xi: 33-36. *Gospel*, John iii: 1-15.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

O LORD, I have trusted in Thy mercy: my heart shall rejoice in Thy salvation.

I will sing unto the Lord: because He hath dealt bountifully with me.

Ps. How long wilt Thou forget me, O Lord?: How long wilt Thou hide Thy face from me?

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O GOD, the strength of all them that put their trust in Thee; Mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no

good thing without Thee, grant us the help of Thy grace, that in keeping Thy commandments we may please Thee, both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, 1 John iv: 16-21. *Gospel*, Luke xvi: 19-31.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

THE Lord was my stay; He brought me forth also into a large place:

He delivered me, because He delighted in me.

Ps. I will love Thee, O Lord, my strength: The Lord is my Rock, and my Fortress.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O LORD, Who never failest to help and govern those whom Thou dost bring up in Thy steadfast fear and love; Make us to have a perpetual fear and love of Thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, 1 John iii: 13-18. *Gospel*, Luke xiv: 16-24.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

TURN Thee unto me, and have mercy upon me: for I am desolate and afflicted.

Look upon mine affliction and my pain: and forgive all my sins.

Ps. Unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul: O my God, I trust in Thee, let me not be ashamed.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O GOD, the Protector of all that trust in Thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; Increase and multiply upon us Thy mercy; that Thou being our Ruler and Guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal; through Jesus

Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, 1 Peter v: 6-11. *Gospel*, Luke xv: 1-10.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

THE Lord is my Light and my Salvation; whom shall I fear?: The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me: they stumbled and fell.

Ps. Though an host should encamp against me: my heart shall not fear.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

GRANT, O Lord, we beseech Thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by Thy governance, that Thy Church may joyfully serve Thee in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Rom. viii: 18-23. *Gospel*, Luke vi: 36-42.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

HEAR, O Lord, when I cry with my voice: Thou hast been my help.

Leave me not, neither forsake me: O God of my salvation.

Ps. The Lord is my Light and my Salvation: whom shall I fear?

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O GOD, Who hast prepared for them that love Thee such good things as pass man's understanding; Pour into our hearts such love toward Thee, that we, loving Thee above all things, may obtain Thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle; 1 Peter iii: 8-15. *Gospel*, Luke v: 1-11.

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

THE Lord is the strength of His people : He is the saving strength of His anointed.

Save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance : feed them also, and lift them up forever.

Ps. Unto Thee will I cry, O Lord, my Rock ; be not silent unto me : lest if Thou be silent to me, I become like them that go down into the pit.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

LORD of all power and might, Who art the Author and Giver of all good things ; Graft in our hearts the love of Thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Thy great mercy keep us in the same ; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Rom. vi : 3-11. *Gospel*, Matt. v : 20-26.

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

O CLAP your hands, all ye people :
Shout unto God with the voice of triumph.

Ps. He shall subdue the people under us : and the nations under our feet.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O GOD, Whose never-failing Providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth ; We humbly beseech Thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which be profitable for us ; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Romans vi : 19-23. *Gospel*, Mark viii : 1-9.

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

WE have thought of Thy loving-kindness, O God : in the midst of Thy Temple.

According to Thy Name, O God, so is Thy praise

unto the ends of the earth : Thy right hand is full of righteousness.

Ps. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised : in the city of our God, in the mountain of His holiness.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

GRANT to us, Lord, we beseech Thee, the Spirit to think and do always such things as are right ; that we, who cannot do anything that is good without Thee, may by Thee be enabled to live according to Thy will ; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Romans viii : 12-17. *Gospel*, Matt. vii : 15-23.

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

BEHOLD, God is mine Helper : the Lord is with them that uphold my soul.

He shall reward evil unto mine enemies : cut them off in Thy truth, O Lord.

Ps. Save me, O God, by Thy Name : and judge me by Thy strength.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

LET Thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Thy humble servants ; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please Thee ; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, 1 Cor. x : 6-13. *Gospel*, Luke xvi : 1-9.

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

AS for me, I will call upon God ; and He shall hear my voice : He hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle that was against me.

God shall hear and afflict them ; even He that abideth of old : Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee.

Ps. Give ear to my prayer, O God : and hide not Thyself from my supplication.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O GOD, Who declarest Thine Almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity ; Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of Thy grace, that we, running the way of Thy commandments, may obtain Thy gracious promises, and be made partakers of Thy heavenly treasure ; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, 1 Cor. xii : 1-11. *Gospel*, Luke xix : 41-48.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

GOD is in His holy habitation, He is God who setteth the solitary in families :

The God of Israel is He that giveth strength and power unto His people.

Ps. Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered : let them also that hate Him flee before Him.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, Who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve ; Pour down upon us the abundance of Thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, 1 Cor. xv : 1-10. *Gospel*, Luke xviii : 9-14.

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

MAKE haste, O God, to deliver me : make haste to help me, O Lord.

Let them be ashamed and confounded : that seek after my soul.

Ps. Let them be turned backward, and put to confusion :
that desire my hurt.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

ALMIGHTY and merciful God, of Whose only gift it cometh that Thy faithful people do unto Thee true and laudable service ; Grant, we beseech Thee, that we may so faithfully serve Thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain Thy heavenly promises ; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, true God, world without end.
Amen.

Epistle, 2 Cor. iii : 4-11. *Gospel*, Mark vii : 31-37.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

HAVE respect, O Lord, unto Thy covenant : O let not the oppressed return ashamed.

Arise, O God, plead Thine own cause : and forget not the voice of Thine enemies.

Ps. O God, why hast Thou cast us off forever : Why doth Thine anger smoke against the sheep of Thy pasture ?

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, Give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity ; and that we may obtain that which Thou dost promise, make us to love that which Thou dost command ; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.
Amen.

Epistle, Gal. iii : 15-22. *Gospel*, Luke x : 23-37.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

BEHOLD, O God our shield, and look upon the face of Thine Anointed :

For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand.

Ps. How amiable are Thy tabernacles, O Lord of Hosts :

My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

KEEP, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy Church with Thy perpetual mercy; and, because the frailty of man without Thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by Thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Gal. v: 16-24. Gospel, Luke xvii: 11-19.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

BOW down Thine ear, O Lord, hear me: O Thou, my God, save Thy servant that trusteth in Thee.

Be merciful to me, O Lord: for I cry unto Thee daily.

Ps. Rejoice the soul of Thy servant: for unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O LORD, we beseech Thee; Let Thy continual pity cleanse and defend Thy Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without Thy succor, preserve it evermore by Thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Gal. v: 25—vi: 10. Gospel, Matt. vi: 24-34.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

BE merciful unto me, O Lord: for I cry unto Thee daily.

For Thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive: and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon Thee.

Ps. Bow down Thine ear, O Lord, hear me: for I am poor and needy.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

LORD, we pray Thee, that Thy grace may always go before and follow after us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Eph. iii: 13-21. *Gospel*, Luke vii: 11-17.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

RIGHTEOUS art Thou, O Lord, and upright are Thy judgments:

Deal with Thy servant according to Thy mercy.

Ps. Blessed are the undefiled in the way: who walk in the law of the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

LORD, we beseech Thee; Grant Thy people grace, to withstand the temptations of the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow Thee, the only God; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Eph. iv: 1-6. *Gospel*, Luke xiv: 1-11.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

REWARD them that wait for Thee, O Lord: and let Thy prophets be found faithful.

Hear the prayer of Thy servants: and of Thy people Israel.

Ps. I was glad when they said unto me: Let us go into the house of the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O GOD, forasmuch as without Thee we are not able to please Thee; Mercifully grant, that Thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, 1 Cor. i: 4-9. *Gospel*, Matt. xxii: 34-46.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

SAY unto my soul, I am Thy salvation:
 The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth;
 He delivereth them out of all their troubles: He is their
 God forever and ever.

Ps. Give ear, O my people, to my law; incline your
 ears to the words of my mouth.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, of Thy bounti-
 ful goodness keep us, we beseech Thee, from all
 things that may hurt us; that we, being ready, both in
 body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that
 thou wouldest have done; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son,
 our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy
 Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Eph. iv: 22-28. *Gospel,* Matt. ix: 1-8.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

THE Lord our God is righteous in all His works which
 He doeth: for we obeyed not His voice.

Give glory to Thy Name, O Lord: and deal with us ac-
 cording to the multitude of Thy mercies.

Ps. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised: in the
 city of our God, in the mountain of His holiness.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, merciful Lord, to Thy
 faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be
 cleansed from all their sins, and serve Thee with a quiet
 mind; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liv-
 eth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one
 God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Eph. v: 15-21. *Gospel,* Matt. xxii: 1-14.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

THE whole world is in Thy power, O Lord, King Almighty: there is no man that can gainsay Thee.

For Thou hast made heaven and earth, and all the wondrous things under the heaven: Thou art Lord of all.

Ps. Blessed are the undefiled in the way: who walk in the law of the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

LORD, we beseech Thee to keep Thy household, the Church, in continual godliness; that through Thy protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve Thee in good works, to the glory of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Eph. vi: 10-17. *Gospel*, John iv: 46-54.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

IF Thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities: O Lord, who shall stand?

But there is forgiveness with Thee: that Thou mayest be feared, O God of Israel.

Ps. Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O GOD, our refuge and strength, Who art the Author of all godliness; Be ready, we beseech Thee, to hear the devout prayers of Thy Church; and grant that those things which we ask faithfully, we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Phil. i: 3-11. *Gospel*, Matt. xviii: 23-35.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

I KNOW the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord : thoughts of peace, and not of evil.

Then shall ye call upon Me, and pray unto Me, and I will hearken unto you : and I will turn your captivity, and gather you from all nations and from all places.

Ps. Lord, Thou hast been favorable unto Thy land : Thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

ABSOLVE, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy people from their offences ; that from the bonds of our sins which, by reason of our frailty, we have brought upon us, we may be delivered by Thy bountiful goodness ; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Phil. iii : 17-21. *Gospel*, Matt. xxii : 15-22.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

O COME, let us worship and bow down : let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For He is our God : and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

Ps. O come, let us sing unto the Lord : let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

STIR up, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the wills of Thy faithful people ; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of Thee be plenteously rewarded ; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Col. i : 9-14. *Gospel*, Matt. ix : 18-26.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

HAVE mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble: deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and from them that persecute me.

Let me not be ashamed, O Lord: for I have called upon Thee.

Ps. In Thee, O Lord, do I put my trust: let me never be ashamed.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, we beseech Thee, Show Thy mercy unto thy humble servants, that we who put no trust in our own merits may not be dealt with after the severity of Thy judgment, but according to Thy mercy; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, 1 Thess. iv: 13-18. *Gospel*, Matt. xxiv: 15-28.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

SAVE me, O God, by Thy Name: and judge me by Thy strength.

Hear my prayer, O God: give ear to the words of my mouth.

Ps. He shall reward evil to mine enemies: cut them off in Thy truth.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O GOD, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Thy Holy Spirit, that being ever-mindful of the end of all things, and the day of Thy just judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here, and dwell with Thee forever hereafter: through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, 2 Peter iii: 3-14, or 2 Thess. i: 3-10. *Gospel*, Matt. xxv: 31-46.

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

¶ *The Introit and Collect for the Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity shall be used on the Last Sunday after Trinity in every year.*

Epistle, 1 Thess. v: 1-11. *Gospel*, Matt. xxv: 1-13.

THE FESTIVAL OF HARVEST.

Introit.

O LORD, Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness :
and Thy paths drop fatness.

Thou visitest the earth and waterest it: Thou blessest the
springing thereof.

Ps. Praise waiteth for Thee, O God, in Zion: and unto
Thee shall the vow be performed.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, most merciful Father, Who openest
Thy hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living
thing; we give Thee most humble and hearty thanks that
Thou hast crowned the fields with Thy blessing, and hast
permitted us once more to gather in the fruits of the earth;
and we beseech Thee to bless and protect the living seed of
Thy Word sown in our hearts, that in the plenteous fruits of
righteousness we may always present to Thee an acceptable
thank-offering; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost,
ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

THE FESTIVAL OF THE REFORMATION.

Introit.

THE Lord of Hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our
refuge.

Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed :
and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the
sea.

Ps. God is our refuge and strength: a very present help
in trouble.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O LORD God, Heavenly Father ; Pour out, we beseech Thee, Thy Holy Spirit upon Thy faithful people, keep them steadfast in Thy grace and truth, protect and comfort them in all temptation, defend them against all enemies of Thy Word, and bestow upon Christ's Church militant Thy saving peace ; through the same, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

A DAY OF HUMILIATION AND PRAYER.

Introit.

HEAR, O heavens, and give ear, O earth, for the Lord hath spoken : I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me.

They have forsaken the Lord, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger : they are gone away backward.

Ps. If Thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities : O Lord, who shall stand ?

[*On this day the Gloria Patri is omitted.*]

Collect.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, our heavenly Father, of whose compassion there is no end, Who art long-suffering, gracious, and plenteous in goodness and truth ; forgiving iniquity, transgression and sin ; we have sinned and done perversely, we have forsaken and grievously offended Thee ; against Thee, Thee only, have we sinned and done evil in Thy sight ; But we beseech Thee, O Lord, remember not against us former iniquities ; let Thy tender mercies speedily prevent us, for we are brought very low ; help us, O God of our salvation, and purge away our sins, for the glory of Thy holy Name, and for the sake of Thy dear Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

A DAY OF GENERAL OR SPECIAL THANKSGIVING.

Introit.

LET every thing that hath breath praise the Lord : praise ye the Lord.

Praise Him for His mighty acts : praise Him according to His excellent greatness.

Ps. Praise ye the Lord ; praise God in His sanctuary
praise Him in the firmament of His power.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, our Heavenly Father, Whose mercies are new unto us every morning, and who, though we have in no wise deserved Thy goodness, dost abundantly provide for all our wants of body and soul ; Give us, we pray Thee, Thy Holy Spirit, that we may heartily acknowledge Thy merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all Thy benefits, and serve Thee in willing obedience ; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST.

The Introit is the same as for the Eighth Sunday after Trinity.

Collect.

ALMIGHTY and Everliving God, we humbly beseech Thy Majesty, that as Thine Only-Begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in substance of our flesh, so we may be presented unto Thee with pure and clean hearts, by the same, Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Malachi iii : 1-4. Gospel, Luke ii : 22-32.

THE ANNUNCIATION.

Introit.

ALL the rich among the people shall entreat Thy favor :
She shall be brought unto the King in raiment of needle-work.

Her companions shall be brought unto Thee : with gladness and rejoicing.

Ps. My heart is inditing a good matter : I speak of the things which I have made touching the King.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

WE beseech Thee, O Lord, Pour Thy grace into our hearts; that as we have known the Incarnation of Thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an Angel, so by His Cross and Passion we may be brought unto the glory of His Resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Isaiah vii: 10-16. *Gospel*, Luke i: 26-38.

THE VISITATION.

The Introit is the same as for the Annunciation.

Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, Who hast dealt wonderfully with Thy handmaiden the Virgin Mary, and hast chosen her to be the mother of Thy Son, and hast graciously made known that Thou regardest the poor and the lowly and the despised; Grant us grace in all humility and meekness to receive Thy Word with hearty faith, and so to be made one with Thy dear Son; who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Isaiah xi: 1-5. *Gospel*, Luke i: 39-56.

EVANGELISTS', APOSTLES', AND MARTYRS' DAYS.

Introit.

I KNOW whom I have believed: and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day.

There is laid up for me a crown of righteousness: which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me.

Ps. O Lord, Thou hast searched me and known me: Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collects.

O ALMIGHTY God, Who hast built Thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the Head Corner-Stone; Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable unto

Thee; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY God, Who hast instructed Thy holy Church with the heavenly doctrine of Thy Evangelists and Apostles; Give us grace, that being not like children carried away with every blast of vain doctrine, we may be established in the truth of Thy holy Gospel; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY God, Who hast knit together Thine elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of Thy Son Christ our Lord; Grant us grace so to follow Thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys which Thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

[*The Epistles and Gospels for Apostles' Days and other Minor Festivals are to be found in the Tables.*]

ST. MICHAEL'S DAY.

Introit.

BLESS the Lord, ye His Angels, that excel in strength: that do His commandments, hearkening unto the voice of His word.

Bless ye the Lord, all ye His hosts: ye ministers of His that do His pleasure.

Ps. Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me bless His holy Name.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O EVERLASTING God, Who hast ordained and constituted the services of Angels and men in a wonderful order; Mercifully grant, that as Thy holy Angels always do Thee service in heaven, so by Thy appointment they may succor and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Epistle, Revelation xii: 7-12. Gospel, Matt. xviii: 1-11.

INVITATORIES, ANTIPHONS, RESPONSORIES AND VERSICLES FOR THE CHURCH YEAR.

¶ *The Invitatory varies with the Season, and is always used with Psalm xcvi. at Matins. It is divided into two parts separated by a colon. The first part, or the whole, of the Invitatory may be sung or said by the Minister, or sung by a single voice, or by the choir, before the Psalm; and after the Psalm and Gloria Patri, the whole Invitatory shall be sung.*

¶ *An Antiphon is used at Matins and Vespers to the Psalms, the Magnificat, the Nunc Dimittis and the Benedictus. It is used in the same manner as the Invitatory.*

¶ *The Responsory varies with the Season, and may be sung after the last Lesson at Vespers and Matins. At the end of the Responsory is sung Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, (but not "As it was in the beginning, &c."), followed by the repetition of the last sentence of the Responsory.*

¶ *A Versicle may be used at Vespers after the Hymn, and at Vespers and Matins before the closing Collect. A Versicle is used before the Litany Collects. The first part of the Versicle is said by the Minister, and the second part sung or said by the people.*

ADVENT.

Invitatory.

BEHOLD, the King cometh: O come, let us worship Him.

Antiphons.

1. Behold, the Name of the Lord cometh from far: and let the whole earth be filled with His glory.

2. Come, O Lord, and make no tarrying: loosen the bonds of Thy people Israel.

3. Rejoice greatly, O Jerusalem: behold, Thy King cometh.

4. Behold, the Lord shall come, and all His saints with Him: and in that day the light shall be great. Hallelujah.

Responsory.

BEHOLD, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. And this is His Name whereby He shall be called, The Lord our Righteousness.

Verse. In His days shall Judah be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely.

And this is His Name whereby He shall be called, the Lord our Righteousness.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

And this is His Name whereby He shall be called, the Lord our Righteousness.

Versicles.

1. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined :

Answer. Our God shall come. Hallelujah.

2. Prepare ye the way of the Lord. Hallelujah !

Make His paths straight. Hallelujah.

3. Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness :

Let the earth open and bring forth salvation.

CHRISTMAS.

Invitatory.

UNTIL us the Christ is born : O come, let us worship Him.

Antiphons.

1. The Lord hath said unto me : Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten Thee.

2. The Lord hath sent redemption unto His people : He hath commanded His covenant forever.

3. Of the fruit of thy body : will I set upon thy throne.

4. Christ the Lord, our Saviour, Everlasting God and Mary's Son : we praise Thee evermore.

Responsory.

THE Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. And we beheld His glory, the glory as of the Only-Begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Verse. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Full of grace and truth.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

Full of grace and truth.

Versicles.

1. At even ye shall know that the Lord will come :
And in the morning, then shall ye see the glory of the Lord.
2. As the bridegroom from His chamber :
Cometh forth the Lord to run His race.
3. The Word was made flesh. Hallelujah.
And dwelt among us. Hallelujah.
4. Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.
God is the Lord, which hath showed us light.
5. Unto us a Child is born. Hallelujah.
Unto us a Son is given. Hallelujah.
6. Unto you is born this day a Saviour : Hallelujah.
Which is Christ the Lord. Hallelujah.

THE EPIPHANY.

Invitatory.

CHRIST hath appeared unto us : O come, let us worship Him.

Antiphons.

1. Give unto the Lord glory and strength : worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
2. The Lord hath made known His Word. Hallelujah :
the Word of His salvation. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.
3. A light to lighten the Gentiles : and the glory of Thy people Israel.
4. We have seen His star in the East : and are come to worship Him.

Responsory.

ARISE, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

Vers. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

And the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

And the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

Versicles.

1. The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents. Hallelujah.

The kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts. Hallelujah.

2. All they from Sheba shall come. Hallelujah.

They shall bring gold and incense. Hallelujah.

3. O praise the Lord, all ye nations. Hallelujah.

Praise Him, all ye people. Hallelujah.

THE PASSION SEASON.

Antiphons.

1. Man shall not live by bread alone : but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

2. Behold, now is the accepted time : behold, now is the day of salvation.

3. The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together : against the Lord and against His Anointed.

4. He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet he opened not His mouth : and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Responsory.

HE was brought as a lamb to the slaughter, He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth : He was delivered up to death, that He might quicken His people.

Verse. In Salem also is His tabernacle, and His dwelling-place in Zion.

He was delivered up to death, that He might quicken His people.

Versicles.

1. Save me from the lion's mouth, O Lord.
And deliver me from the horns of the unicorns.

2. Christ became obedient unto death :
Even the death of the cross.

3. Christ was wounded for our transgressions :
He was bruised for our iniquities.

EASTER.

Invitatory.

The Lord is risen indeed : Hallelujah.

Antiphons.

1. Hallelujah !: Hallelujah ! Hallelujah !

2. I laid me down and slept ; I awaked : for the Lord sustained me. Hallelujah ! Hallelujah !

3. Hallelujah ! The Lord is risen. Hallelujah : As He said unto you. Hallelujah ! Hallelujah !

4. Hallelujah ! Abide with us, for it is toward evening : And the day is far spent. Hallelujah ! Hallelujah !

Responsory.

CHRIST being raised from the dead dieth no more ; death hath no more dominion over Him.

In that He liveth, He liveth unto God. Hallelujah ! Hallelujah !

Verse. Christ was delivered for our offences and raised again for our justification.

In that He liveth, He liveth unto God. Hallelujah !

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

In that He liveth, He liveth unto God. Hallelujah !

Versicles.

1. The Lord is risen from the grave. Hallelujah. Who hung for us upon the tree. Hallelujah.

2. Then were the disciples glad. Hallelujah. When they saw the Lord. Hallelujah.

3. This is the day which the Lord hath made. Hallelujah. We will rejoice and be glad in it. Hallelujah.

4. The Lord is risen indeed. Hallelujah. And hath appeared unto Simon. Hallelujah.

ASCENSION DAY.

Invitatory.

HALLELUJAH ! The king ascendeth into Heaven
O come, let us worship Him. Hallelujah !

Antiphons.

1. If I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you: but if I depart, I will send Him unto you. Hallelujah.

2. Hallelujah! Christ hath ascended up on high. Hallelujah!: And hath led captivity captive. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

3. I ascend unto My Father and your Father: and to My God and your God. Hallelujah.

Responsory.

GO ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel. Hallelujah!

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Verse. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

He that believeth and is baptized, shall be saved.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

He that believeth and is baptized, shall be saved.

Versicles.

1. I will not leave you comfortless: Hallelujah!

I go away and come again unto you. Hallelujah.

2. God is gone up with a shout. Hallelujah!

The Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Hallelujah.

WHITSUNTIDE.

Invitatory.

HALLELUJAH! The Spirit of the Lord filleth the world: O come, let us worship Him. Hallelujah!

Antiphons.

1. Come, Holy Ghost, and fill the hearts of Thy faithful people, and kindle in them the fire of Thy love: Thou, who through divers tongues gatherest together the nations in the unity of the faith. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

2. Thou sendest forth Thy Spirit, they are created: and Thou renewest the face of the earth. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

3. I will not leave you comfortless. Hallelujah!: I will come to you, and your heart shall rejoice. Hallelujah!

Responsory.

AND there appeared unto the Apostles cloven tongues,
like as of fire. Hallelujah!

And the Holy Ghost sat upon each of them. Hallelujah!
Hallelujah!

Verse. And they began to speak with other tongues the
wonderful works of God.

And the Holy Ghost sat upon each of them.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
Ghost.

And the Holy Ghost sat upon each of them.

Versicles.

1. The Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost. Hallelujah!
He shall teach you all things. Hallelujah!

2. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost. Hal-
lelujah.

And they began to speak. Hallelujah!

3. Create in me a clean heart, O God. Hallelujah!
And renew a right spirit within me. Hallelujah!

THE FESTIVAL OF TRINITY.

Invitatory.

THE true God, One in Three and Three in One: O
come, let us worship Him.

Antiphons.

1. Unto Thee do we call, Thee do we praise, Thee do
we worship: O blessed Trinity.

2. Glory be to Thee, Co-equal Trinity: one God before
all worlds began, and now, and forevermore.

3. Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty: Which was,
and is, and is to come.

Responsory.

WE bless the Father, and the Son, and the Holy
Ghost. Praise Him and magnify Him forever.

Verse. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, in the firmament of
heaven, and above all to be praised and glorified forever.

Praise Him and magnify Him forever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
Ghost.

Praise Him and magnify Him forever.

Versicle.

We bless the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost:
Praise Him and magnify Him forever.

THE FESTIVAL OF THE REFORMATION.

Antiphon.

I WILL speak of Thy testimonies also before kings: and
will not be ashamed.

Versicles.

1. Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet. Hallelujah!
And a light unto my path. Hallelujah!
2. The Lord our God be with us. Hallelujah!
As He was with our fathers. Hallelujah!
3. Do good in Thy good pleasure unto Zion. Hallelujah!
Build Thou the walls of Jerusalem. Hallelujah!
4. Stand fast therefore in the liberty. Hallelujah!
Wherewith Christ hath made you free. Hallelujah!

A DAY OF HUMILIATION AND PRAYER.

Antiphon.

BE merciful unto me, O Lord, for I cry unto Thee
daily: Bow down Thine ear, O Lord, hear me, for I
am poor and needy.

Versicles.

1. Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Thy loving
kindness:

According unto the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot
out my transgressions.

2. Enter not into judgment with Thy servant, O Lord:
For in Thy sight shall no man living be justified.
3. Lord, deal not with us after our sins:
Nor reward us according to our iniquities.
4. Create in us a clean heart, O God.
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.
5. We have sinned with our fathers:
We have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly.

THE FESTIVAL OF CHURCH DEDICATION.

Antiphon.

THE Lord is in His holy temple : the Lord's throne is in Heaven.

Versicle.

Thy testimonies are very sure. Hallelujah !
Holiness becometh Thine house, O Lord, forever. Hallelujah !

THE COMMEMORATION OF THE DEAD.

Antiphons.

1. God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes : and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain ; for the former things are passed away.

2. O how glorious is that kingdom : wherein all the saints do rejoice with Christ ; they are clothed with white robes and follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth.

Versicles.

1. We have here no continuing city. Hallelujah !
But we seek one to come. Hallelujah !

2. Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord. Hallelujah !

They rest from their labors and their works do follow them. Hallelujah !

FOR OTHER TIMES.

Antiphons.

1. Out of the depths : have I cried unto Thee, O Lord.

2. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty : God hath shined.

3. Commit thy way unto the Lord : trust also in Him.

4. Preserve my life : from the fear of the enemy.

5. It is good to sing praises : unto our God.

6. Forsake not the works : of Thine own hands.

7. The Lord : is the strength of my life.

8. The Lord said unto my Lord : sit Thou at my right hand.

9. Blessed be the Lord God : the God of Israel.

10. Blessed be the Lord out of Zion : Which dwelleth at Jerusalem.

11. Blessed : be His glorious Name forever.

12. I was glad when they said unto me : Let us go into the house of the Lord.

13. In the day of my trouble I will call upon Thee : for Thou wilt answer me.

14. I will praise Thy Name : forever and ever.

15. Thou wilt show me : the path of life.

16. We praise the Lord : now, henceforth and forever.

17. Blessed : is the man that feareth the Lord.

Responsory.

FOREVER, O Lord, Thy Word is settled in Heaven.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Lord, I have loved the habitation of Thy house, and the place where Thine honor dwelleth.

Verse. Blessed are they that hear the Word of God and keep it.

Lord, I have loved the habitation of Thy house, and the place where Thine honor dwelleth.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

Lord, I have loved the habitation of Thy house, and the place where Thine honor dwelleth.

Versicles.

1. The eyes of all wait upon Thee :
And Thou givest them their meat in due season.

2. The Lord is merciful and gracious. Hallelujah !
Slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. Hallelujah !

3. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest :
That He would send forth laborers into His harvest.

4. Ask, and ye shall receive :
That your joy may be full.

5. O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good. Hallelujah !

For His mercy endureth forever. Hallelujah !

6. It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord :
And to sing praises unto Thy Name, O Most High.

7. Lord, Thou hast heard the desire of the humble :
Thou wilt preserve their heart, Thou wilt cause Thine ear
to hear.

8. The Lord will give strength unto His people. Halle-
lujah !

The Lord will bless His people with peace. Hallelujah !

9. They that be wise, shall shine as the brightness of the
firmament. Hallelujah !

And they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars
forever and ever. Hallelujah !

10. By Me kings reign, and princes decree justice :
By Me princes rule, and nobles, even all the judges of the
earth.

11. He shall give His angels charge over Thee :
To keep thee in all thy ways.

12. The Lord God is a sun and shield ; the Lord will
give grace and glory. Hallelujah !

No good thing will He withhold from them that walk up-
rightly. Hallelujah !

13. Sanctify us through Thy truth. Hallelujah !
Thy Word is truth. Hallelujah !

14. Lord, teach me to do Thy will. Hallelujah !
Let Thy good Spirit lead me in the right way. Hallelujah !

15. Show me Thy ways, O Lord. Hallelujah !
Teach me Thy paths. Hallelujah !

16. Save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance ;
Feed them also, and lift them up forever.

17. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Thy
Name :

Deliver us, and purge away our sins, for Thy Name's sake.

18. I have trusted in Thy mercy.
My heart shall rejoice in Thy salvation.

19. Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid
them not :

For of such is the kingdom of Heaven.

20. Bless the Lord, O my soul : and all that is within
me, bless His holy Name :

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.
Hallelujah !

21. Call upon Me in the day of trouble :
I will deliver Thee, and Thou shalt glorify Me.

22. Make me to understand the way of Thy precepts :
Strengthen Thou me according to Thy Word.

COLLECTS AND PRAYERS.

1.

GRANT us, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, a steadfast faith in Jesus Christ, a cheerful hope in Thy mercy, and a sincere love to Thee and to all our fellow men; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

2.

OLORD God, heavenly Father, we give Thee thanks, that of Thy great goodness and mercy, Thou didst suffer Thine Only-Begotten Son to become incarnate, and to redeem us from sin and everlasting death; and we beseech Thee, enlighten our hearts, by Thy Holy Spirit, that we may evermore yield Thee unfeigned thanks for this Thy grace, and may comfort ourselves with the same in all time of tribulation and temptation; through the same Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

3.

ALMIGHTY God, Who hast given us commandment to pray for the gift of the Holy Ghost; Most heartily we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Advocate, to grant us Thy Holy Spirit, that He may quicken our hearts by Thy saving Word, and lead us into all truth, that He may guide, instruct, enlighten, govern, comfort and sanctify us unto everlasting life; through the same, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

4.

SEND, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, Thy Holy Spirit into our hearts, that He may rule and direct us according to Thy will, comfort us in all our temptations and afflictions, defend us from all error, and lead us into all truth; that we, being steadfast in the faith, may increase in love and in all good works, and in the end obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

5.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, Who, of Thy tender love towards us sinners, hast given us Thy Son, that believing on Him we might have everlasting life;

Grant us, we beseech Thee, Thy Holy Spirit, that we may continue steadfast in this faith to the end, and may come to everlasting life ; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.
Amen

6.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, Who, by Thy Son, hast promised us forgiveness of sins and everlasting life ; We beseech Thee so to rule and govern our hearts by Thy Holy Spirit, that in our daily need, and especially in all time of temptation, we may seek help from Him, and by a true and lively faith in Thy Word obtain the same ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

7.

O LORD God, heavenly Father, We beseech Thee, let Thy Holy Spirit dwell in us, that He may enlighten and lead us into all truth, and evermore defend us from all adversities ; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

8.

O LORD God, heavenly Father, Who hast given Thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification ; Quicken us, we beseech Thee, by Thy Holy Spirit, unto newness of life, that through the power of His resurrection, we may dwell with Christ forever ; through the same, our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

9.

ALMIGHTY and Everliving God, Who makest us both to will and to do those things which are good, and acceptable unto Thy Divine Majesty ; Let Thy Fatherly hand, we beseech Thee, ever be over us ; let Thy Holy Spirit ever be with us ; and so lead us in the knowledge and obedience of Thy Word, that in the end we may obtain everlasting life ; through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

FOR THE CHURCH.

10.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, unto Thy Church, Thy Holy Spirit, and the wisdom which cometh down from above, that Thy Word, as becometh it,

may not be bound, but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve Thee, and in the confession of Thy Name abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

11.

MERCIFUL Lord, we beseech Thee to cast the bright beams of Thy light upon Thy Church, that it being instructed by the doctrine of the blessed Apostles, may so walk in the light of Thy truth, that it may at length attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

12.

O GOD, our Protector; Behold, and look upon the face of Thine Anointed, who hath given Himself for the redemption of all, and grant that from the rising of the sun to the going down thereof, Thy Name may be great among the Gentiles, and that in every place, sacrifice and a pure offering may be made unto Thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

13.

O LORD, favorably receive the prayers of Thy Church, that being delivered from all adversity and error, it may serve Thee in safety and freedom; and grant us Thy peace in our time; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

14.

For the Children of the Church.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, who dost will that not one of these little ones should perish, and hast sent Thine Only Son to seek and to save that which was lost, and through Him hast said, Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God; Most heartily we beseech Thee so to bless and govern the children of Thy Church, by Thy Holy Spirit, that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge of Thy Word; protect and defend them against all danger and harm, giving Thy holy Angels charge over them; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

15.

For the Ministers of the Word.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, Who alone doest great wonders; Send down upon Thy Ministers, and upon the congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of Thy grace; and, that they may truly please Thee, pour upon them the continual dew of Thy blessing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

16.

ALMIGHTY and gracious God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who hast commanded us to pray that Thou wouldest send forth laborers into Thy harvest; Of Thine infinite mercy give us true teachers and ministers of Thy Word, and put Thy saving Gospel in their hearts and on their lips, that they may truly fulfil Thy command, and preach nothing contrary to Thy holy Word; that we, being warned, instructed, nurtured, comforted and strengthened by Thy heavenly Word, may do those things which are well-pleasing to Thee, and profitable to us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

17.

O ALMIGHTY God, Who by Thy Son Jesus Christ, didst give to Thy holy Apostles many excellent gifts, and commandedst them earnestly to feed Thy flock; Make, we beseech Thee, all Pastors diligently to preach Thy holy Word, and the people obediently to follow the same, that they may receive the crown of everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

18.

For the Church in its Conflicts.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, Who wilt have all men to be saved, and to come to the knowledge of the truth; We beseech Thy glorious Majesty, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour, impart the grace and help of Thy Holy Spirit to all ministers of Thy Word, that they may purely teach it to the saving of men; bring to nought by thine Almighty power and unsearchable wisdom, all the counsels of those who hate Thy Word, and who, by corrupt teaching or with violent hands, would destroy it, and enlighten them with the knowledge of Thy glory; that

we, leading a quiet and peaceable life, may, by a pure faith, learn the riches of Thy heavenly grace, and in holiness and righteousness serve Thee, the only true God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

19.

For those who have Erred.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, Whose property it is always to have mercy; We most earnestly beseech Thee to visit with Thy fatherly correction all such as have erred and gone astray from the truth of Thy holy Word, and to bring them to a due sense of their error, that they may again with hearty faith receive and hold fast Thine unchangeable truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

20.

O ALMIGHTY, Merciful, and Gracious God and Father, with our whole heart we beseech Thee for all who have forsaken the Christian faith, all who have wandered from any portion thereof, or are in doubt or temptation through the corruptors of Thy Word, that Thou wouldest visit them as a Father, reveal unto them their error, and bring them back from their wanderings, that they, in singleness of heart, taking pleasure alone in the pure truth of Thy Word, may be made wise thereby unto everlasting life; through faith in Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

21.

For Unity.

O GOD, Who restorest to the right way them that err, who gatherest them that are scattered, and preservest them that are gathered; Of Thy tender mercy, we beseech Thee, pour upon Thy Christian people, the grace of Unity, that all schisms being healed, Thy flock, united to the true Shepherd of Thy Church, may worthily serve Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

22.

For the Removal of Schism.

BRING to nought, O Christ, the schisms of heresy, which seek to subvert Thy truth; That, as Thou art acknowledged in heaven and in earth as one and the same

Lord, so Thy people, gathered from all nations, may serve Thee in unity of faith. *Amen.*

23.

For the Jews.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, Who lovest to show mercy; Hear the prayers which we offer unto Thee for Thine ancient people, that, acknowledging Jesus Christ, Who is the Light of truth, they may be delivered from their darkness; through the same, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

24.

For the Heathen.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, Who desirest not the death of a sinner, but wouldest have all men to repent and live; Hear our prayers for the Heathen; take away iniquity from their hearts, and turn them from their idols unto the living and true God, and to Thine only Son; and gather them into Thy holy Church, to the glory of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FOR THE CIVIL AUTHORITIES.

25.

OMERCIFUL Father in heaven, Who holdest in Thy hand all the might of man, and who hast ordained the powers that be for the punishment of evil-doers, and for the praise of them that do well, and of whom is all rule and authority in the kingdoms of the world; We humbly beseech Thee, graciously regard Thy servants, the President of the United States, the Governor of this Commonwealth, our Judges and Magistrates, and all the rulers of the earth. May all that receive the sword, as Thy ministers, bear it according to Thy commandment. Enlighten and defend them by Thy Name, O God. Grant them wisdom and understanding, that under their peaceable governance, Thy people may be guarded and directed in righteousness, quietness, and unity. Protect and prolong their life, O God of our salvation, that we, with them, may show forth the praise of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

26.

For our Enemies.

FORGIVE, we beseech Thee, O Lord, our enemies, and them that despitefully use us, and so change their hearts that they may walk with us in meekness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

27.

O ALMIGHTY, Everlasting God, Who, through Thine Only Son, our blessed Lord, hast commanded us to love our enemies, to do good to them that hate us, and to pray for them that persecute us; We earnestly beseech Thee that by Thy gracious visitation they may be led to true repentance, and may have the same love, and be of one accord, and of one mind and heart with us, and with Thy whole Church; through the same Thy dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

28.

In time of National Calamity.

O LORD God, heavenly Father, we humbly confess unto Thee that by our evil doings and continual disobedience, we have deserved these Thy chastisements; But we earnestly beseech Thee, for Thy Name's sake, to spare us; restrain the harmful power of the enemy, and succor Thy suffering people; that Thy Word may be declared faithfully and without hinderance, and that we, amending our sinful lives, may walk obediently to Thy holy commandments; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

29.

LOOK mercifully, O Lord, we beseech Thee, on the affliction of Thy people; and let not our sins destroy us, but let Thine Almighty mercy save us; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

30.

MOST loving and gracious Lord God, Who for our many grievous sins art pleased sorely to chasten us, we flee to Thy tender and fatherly compassion alone, beseeching Thee that as a father pitieth his children Thou wouldest pity us miserable sinners. Turn away Thy right-

eous wrath, and give us not over to deserved death, but deliver us, that we may now and evermore praise Thee, O gracious God and Father, who desirest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

31.

For Prisoners.

ALMIGHTY God, Who didst bring the Apostle Peter forth out of prison; Have mercy upon all who are suffering imprisonment, and set them free from their bonds; that we may rejoice in their deliverance, and continually give praise to Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

32.

For Peace and Quietness.

O LORD, we beseech Thee, mercifully to hear the prayers of Thy Church, that we, being delivered from all adversities, and serving Thee with a quiet mind, may enjoy Thy peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

IN TIME OF AFFLICTION AND DISTRESS.

33.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, the Consolation of the sorrowful, and the Strength of the weak; May the prayers of them that in any tribulation or distress cry unto Thee, graciously come before Thee, so that in all their necessities they may mark and receive Thy manifold help and comfort; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

34.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, Who hast appointed us to endure sufferings and death with our Lord Jesus Christ, before we enter with Him into eternal Glory; Grant us grace at all times to subject ourselves to Thy Holy will, and to continue steadfast in the true faith unto the end of our lives, and at all times to find peace and joy in the blessed hope of the resurrection of the dead, and of the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

35.

ALMIGHTY God, Cast not away Thy people who cry unto Thee in their tribulation : but for the glory of Thy Name, be pleased to succor the afflicted ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

36.

For the Sick.

ALMIGHTY, Everlasting God, the eternal Salvation of them that believe ; Hear our prayers in behalf of Thy servants who are sick, for whom we implore the aid of Thy mercy, that being restored to health, they may render thanks to Thee in Thy Church ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

37.

O LORD, look down from heaven, behold, visit and relieve Thy servants, for whom we offer our supplications ; look upon *them* with the eyes of Thy mercy ; give *them* comfort and sure confidence in Thee ; defend *them* from the danger of the enemy, and keep *them* in perpetual peace and safety ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

38.

For Mothers.

O ALMIGHTY, Everlasting God and Father, Creator of all things, Who by Thy grace, through Thy Son, our Lord, who hath redeemed us from the flesh and sin, makest the anguish of our human birth a holy and salutary cross ; We pray Thee, O gracious Father, Lord and God, that Thou wouldest preserve and guard the work of Thine own hand. Forsake not them who cry to Thee in sore travail, but deliver them out of all their pains, to their joy, and to the glory of Thy goodness ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

39.

In time of Great Sickness.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, our heavenly Father, we, Thine erring children, humbly confess unto Thee, that we have justly deserved the chastening, which for our sins Thou hast sent upon us ; But we entreat Thee, of Thy boundless goodness to grant us true repent-

ance, graciously to forgive our sins, to remove from us or to lighten our merited punishment, and so to strengthen us by Thy grace that as obedient children we may be subject to Thy will, and bear our afflictions in patience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

40.

In time of Drought.

O GOD, most merciful Father, we beseech Thee to open the windows of heaven, and to send a fruitful rain upon us, to revive the earth, and to refresh the fruits thereof, for all things droop and wither; graciously hear our prayer in this our necessity, that we may praise and glorify Thy Name forever and ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

41.

In time of Unseasonable Weather.

O LORD God, heavenly Father, Who art gracious and merciful, and hast promised that Thou wilt hear us when we call upon Thee in our troubles; We beseech Thee, look not upon our sins and evil doings, but upon our necessities, and according to Thy mercy send us such seasonable weather, that the earth may in due time yield her increase; that by Thy goodness we may receive our daily bread, and learn to know Thee as a merciful God, and evermore give thanks to Thee for Thy goodness; through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

THANKSGIVING.

42.

O LORD God, heavenly Father, from whom without ceasing we receive exceeding abundantly all good gifts, and who daily of Thy pure grace guardest us against all evil: Grant us, we beseech Thee, Thy Holy Spirit, that acknowledging with our whole heart all this Thy goodness, we may now and evermore thank and praise Thy loving kindness and tender mercy; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

43.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, Whose mercies are new unto us every morning, and who, though we have in no wise deserved Thy goodness, dost abundantly

provide for all our wants of body and soul; Give us, we pray Thee, Thy Holy Spirit, that we may heartily acknowledge Thy merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all Thy benefits, and serve Thee in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

44.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, Who in Thy fatherly wisdom hast chastened us on account of our sins, that we might not continue in impenitence and vain confidence, and thus perish with the ungodly; in the midst of wrath Thou hast remembered mercy, and hast graciously delivered us out of our affliction. We give Thee therefore most hearty thanks and praise, that Thou hast turned away from us Thy just anger, and shown Thyself favorable toward us Thine unworthy servants. Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy Name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits. Thou, Lord, art merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. Glory be to Thee, O God, for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

45.

GLORY be to Thee, O God Most Holy. Glory be to Thee, O God Most High. Glory be to Thee, O King of heaven and earth, Who, as a father pitieth his children, pitiest us. Fill us with joy and gladness in the Holy Ghost, that when Thou shalt render to every man according to his works, we may be found acceptable before Thee, through Him who hath redeemed us from the shame and curse of sin, even Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

FOR SPECIAL GIFTS AND GRACES.

46.

For Protection during the Day.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, Almighty and Everlasting God, Who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; Defend us in the same with Thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings, being ordered by Thy governance, may be righteous in Thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

47.

For Protection during the Night.

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech Thee, O Lord ; and by Thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night ; for the love of Thy Only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

48.

For Grace to use our Gifts.

O LORD God Almighty, Who dost endue Thy servants with divers and singular gifts of the Holy Ghost ; Leave us not, we beseech Thee, destitute of Thy manifold gifts, nor yet of grace to use them alway to Thy honor and glory ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

49.

For Grace to receive the Word.

BLESSED Lord, Who hast caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning ; Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Thy holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which Thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

50.

For Grace to be led into all Truth.

ENLIGHTEN our minds, we beseech Thee, O God, by the Spirit which proceedeth from Thee ; that, as Thy Son hath promised, we may be led into all truth ; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

51.

For Spiritual Renewal.

ALMIGHTY God, Who hast given us Thy Only-Begotten Son to take our nature upon Him ; Grant that we being regenerate, and made Thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by Thy Holy Spirit ; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

52.

For Penitence.

MERCIFUL Father, Give us grace that we may never presume to sin; but if at any time we offend Thy Divine Majesty, may we truly repent and lament our offence, and by a lively faith obtain remission of all our sins; solely through the merits of Thy Son, our Saviour Christ. *Amen.*

53.

For Pardon.

HEAR, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the prayer of Thy suppliants, and spare those who confess their sins unto Thee, that Thou mayest bestow upon us both pardon and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

54.

For Deliverance from Sin.

WE beseech Thee, O Lord, in Thy clemency to show us Thine unspeakable mercy; that Thou mayest both set us free from our sins, and rescue us from the punishments which, for our sins, we deserve; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

55.

For Grace to do God's Will.

ALmighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which Thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious Majesty to judge both the quick and dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

56.

For Grace to love and serve God.

O GOD, Who, through the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, dost pour the gifts of charity into the hearts of Thy faithful people; Grant unto Thy servants health both of mind and body, that they may love Thee with their whole strength, and with their whole heart perform those things which are pleasing unto Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

57.

For Aid against Temptation.

O GOD, Who justifiest the ungodly, and who desirest not the death of the sinner; We humbly implore Thy Majesty, that Thou wouldest graciously assist, by Thy heavenly aid, and evermore shield with Thy protection, Thy servants who trust in Thy mercy, that they may be separated by no temptations from Thee, and, without ceasing, may serve Thee, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

58.

For Faith.

ALMIGHTY and Everliving God, Who hast given to them that believe exceeding great and precious promises; Grant us so perfectly, and without all doubt, to believe in Thy Son Jesus Christ, that our faith in Thy sight may never be reprov'd. Hear us, O Lord, through the same our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

59.

For Divine Guidance and Help.

DIRECT us, O Lord, in all our doings, with Thy most gracious favor, and further us with Thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy Name; and finally, by Thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

60.

O ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of Thy laws, and in the works of Thy commandments; that through Thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

61.

For Spiritual Illumination.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the brightness of Thy glory may shine forth upon us, and that the light of Thy light by the illumination of the Holy Spirit may stablish the hearts of all that have been born anew by Thy grace; through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

62.

For Likeness to Christ.

ALMIGHTY God, Who hast given Thine Only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin and also an ensample of godly life; Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that His inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavor ourselves to follow the blessed steps of His most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

63.

For a Right Knowledge of Christ.

O ALMIGHTY God, Whom to know is everlasting life; Grant us perfectly to know Thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life; that following His steps we may steadfastly walk in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same, Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

64.

For the Holy Spirit.

O LORD God, heavenly Father, Who by the blessed light of Thy divine Word hast led us to the knowledge of Thy Son; We most heartily beseech Thee so to replenish us with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may ever walk in the light of Thy truth, and rejoicing with sure confidence in Christ our Saviour, may in the end be brought unto everlasting salvation; through the same, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

65.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, Who of Thy great mercy in Jesus Christ Thy Son dost grant us forgiveness of sin, and all things pertaining to life and godliness; Grant us, we beseech Thee, Thy Holy Spirit, that He may so rule our hearts, that we, being ever mindful of Thy fatherly mercy, may strive to mortify the flesh, and to overcome the world; and serving Thee in holiness and pureness of living, may give Thee continual thanks for all Thy goodness; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

66.

For Purity.

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

67.

For Innocency of Life.

O GOD, Whose strength is made perfect in weakness; Mortify and kill all vices in us, and so strengthen us by Thy grace, that by the innocency of our lives, and the constancy of our faith even unto death, we may glorify Thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

68.

For Love to God.

O GOD, Who makest all things to work together for good to them that love Thee; Pour into our hearts such steadfast love toward Thee, that the pure desires which by Thy Spirit have been stirred up in us, may not be turned aside by any temptation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

69.

For Charity.

O LORD, Who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth; Send Thy Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of Charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before Thee; grant this for Thine Only Son Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

70.

For Humility.

O GOD, Who resistest the proud, and givest grace to the humble; Grant unto us true humility, after the likeness in which Thine Only Son hath revealed it in Himself, that we may never be lifted up and provoke Thy wrath, but in all lowliness be made partakers of the gifts of Thy grace; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

71.

For Patience.

O GOD, Who by the meek endurance of Thine Only-begotten Son didst beat down the pride of the old enemy; Help us, we beseech Thee, rightly to treasure in our hearts what our Lord hath of His goodness borne for our sakes; that after His example we may bear with patience whatsoever things are adverse to us; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

72.

For a Happy Death.

CONFIRM, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, Thine unworthy servants in Thy grace; that in the hour of our death the adversary may not prevail against us, but that we may be found worthy of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

73.

For the Blessedness of Heaven.

ALMIGHTY, Everlasting God, Who didst give Thine Only Son to be a High Priest of good things to come; Hereafter grant unto us, Thine unworthy servants, to have our share in the company of the Blessed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

74.

For Peace.

O GOD, Who art the Author of peace and Lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; Defend us, Thy humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in Thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FOR AN ANSWER TO PRAYER.

75.

ALMIGHTY God, Who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto Thee; and dost promise that when two or three

are gathered together in Thy Name, Thou wilt grant their requests ; Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of Thy servants, as may be most expedient for them ; granting us in this world knowledge of Thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

76.

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all wisdom, Who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking ; We beseech Thee to have compassion upon our infirmities ; and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us, for the worthiness of Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

77.

ALMIGHTY God, Who hast promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in Thy Son's Name ; We beseech Thee mercifully to incline Thine ears to us who have now made our prayers and supplications unto Thee ; and grant that those things which we have faithfully asked according to Thy will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of Thy glory through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GENERAL PRAYERS.

I.

THE LITANY.

¶ *The Litany may be used at Evening Service on Sundays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, on Days of Humiliation and Prayer, and at Morning Service on Sundays when there is no Communion. The Responses in italics should be sung or said by the Congregation. The Responses may be repeated after each phrase, or only at the end of each group, as here followeth :*

LORD, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, hear us.

O Christ, hear us.

O God, the Father in heaven ;

Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world ;

Have mercy upon us.

O God, the Holy Ghost ;

Have mercy upon us.

Be gracious unto us.

Spare us, good Lord.

Be gracious unto us.

Help us, good Lord.

From all sin ;

From all error ;

From all evil :

Good Lord, deliver us.

From the crafts and assaults of the devil ;

From sudden and evil death ;

From pestilence and famine ;

From war and bloodshed ;

From sedition and rebellion ;

From lightning and tempest ;

From all calamity by fire and water ;

And from everlasting death :

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of Thy holy Incarnation ;

By Thy holy Nativity ;
 By Thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation ;
 By Thine Agony and Bloody Sweat ;
 By Thy Cross and Passion ;
 By Thy precious Death and Burial ;
 By Thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension ;
 And by the coming of the Holy Ghost, the Comforter :

Help us, good Lord.

In all time of our tribulation ;
 In all time of our prosperity ;
 In the hour of death ;
 And in the day of judgment :

Help us, good Lord.

We poor sinners do beseech Thee ;

To hear us, O Lord God.

And to rule and govern Thy holy Christian Church ;
 To preserve all pastors and ministers of Thy Church in
 the true knowledge and understanding of Thy Word, and
 in holiness of life ;

To put an end to all schisms and causes of offence ;
 To bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and
 are deceived :

To beat down Satan under our feet ;
 To send faithful laborers into Thy harvest ;
 To accompany Thy Word with Thy Spirit and grace ;
 To raise up them that fall, and to strengthen such as do
 stand ;

And to comfort and help the weak-hearted and the dis-
 tressed :

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

To give to all nations peace and concord ;
 To preserve our country from discord and contention ;
 To give to our nation perpetual victory over all its ene-
 mies ;

To direct and defend our President, and all in authority ;
 And to bless and keep our magistrates, and all our people :

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

To behold and succor all who are in danger, necessity,
 and tribulation ;

To protect all who travel by land or water ;
 To preserve all women in the perils of childbirth ;
 To strengthen and keep all sick persons and young chil-
 dren ;

To set free all who are innocently imprisoned ;
 To defend and provide for all fatherless children and
 widows :

And to have mercy upon all men :

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts ;

To give and preserve to our use the fruits of the earth ;

And graciously to hear our prayers :

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God ;

We beseech Thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world ;

Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world ;

Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world ;

Grant us Thy peace.

O Christ, hear us.

O Christ, hear us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Minister, and the Congregation with him, say the Lord's Prayer, after which may be said one or more of the Litany Collects here following.*

OUR Father, who art in heaven ; Hallowed be Thy Name ; Thy kingdom come ; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven ; Give us this day our daily bread ; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us ; And lead us not into temptation ; But deliver us from evil ; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

LITANY COLLECTS.

1.

M. O Lord, deal not with us after our sins.

C. Neither reward us according to our iniquities.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, Who desirest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his evil way and live ; We beseech Thee graciously to turn from us those punishments which we by our sins have deserved, and to grant us grace ever hereafter to serve Thee in holiness and pureness of living ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

2.

M. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Thy Name.

C. Deliver us, and purge away our sins, for Thy Name's sake.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, Who by Thy Holy Spirit dost govern and sanctify the whole Christian Church; Hear our prayers for all members of the same, and mercifully grant, that by Thy grace they may serve Thee in true faith; through Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

3.

M. O Lord, deal not with us after our sins.

C. Neither reward us according to our iniquities.

O GOD, merciful Father, Who despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as are sorrowful; Mercifully assist our prayers which we make before Thee in all our troubles and adversities, whensoever they oppress us; and graciously hear us, that those evils which the craft and subtilty of the devil or man worketh against us, may, by Thy good providence, be brought to nought; that we Thy servants, being hurt by no persecutions, may evermore give thanks unto Thee in Thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

4.

M. O Lord, enter not into judgment with Thy servant.

C. For in Thy sight shall no man living be justified.

ALMIGHTY God, Who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant us such strength and protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

5.

M. Call upon Me in the day of trouble.

C. I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify Me.

SPARE us, O Lord, and mercifully forgive us our sins, and though by our continual transgressions we have merited Thy punishments, be gracious unto us, and grant that all those evils which we have deserved, may be turned from us, and overruled to our everlasting good; through Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

6.

*For Peace.**M.* The Lord will give strength unto His people.*C.* The Lord will bless His people with peace.

O GOD, from Whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed ; Give unto Thy servants that peace, which the world cannot give ; that our hearts may be set to obey Thy commandments, and also that by Thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness ; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

II.

THE SUFFRAGES.

¶ *The Suffrages may be used at Early or Evening Service in the same manner as the Litany.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, who art in heaven ; Hallowed be Thy Name ; Thy kingdom come ; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven ; Give us this day our daily bread ; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us ; And lead us not into temptation ;

But deliver us from evil.

I said ; O Lord, be merciful unto me ;

Heal my soul ; for I have sinned against Thee.

Return, O Lord, how long ?

And let it repent Thee concerning Thy servants.

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us ;

According as we hope in Thee.

Let Thy priests be clothed with righteousness ;

And let Thy saints shout for joy.

O Lord, save our rulers ;

Let the King hear us when we call.

Save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance ;

Feed them also, and lift them up for ever.

Remember Thy congregation ;

Which Thou hast purchased of old.

Peace be within thy walls ;

And prosperity within thy palaces.

Let us pray for our absent brethren ;

O Thou, our God, save Thy servants that trust in Thee.

Let us pray for the broken-hearted and the captives ;

Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

Send them help from the Sanctuary

And strengthen them out of Zion.

Hear my prayer, O Lord ;

And let my cry come unto Thee.

¶ *Then may be said responsively, by the Minister and Congregation, the Psalm De Profundis, at Early Morning Service, and at Evening Service the Psalm Miserere Mei.*

Ps. cxxx. *De profundis.*

Out of the depths have I cried :

Unto Thee, O Lord.

Lord, hear my voice :

Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

If Thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities :

O Lord, who shall stand ?

But there is forgiveness with Thee :

That Thou mayest be feared.

I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait :

And in His Word do I hope.

My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning :

I say, more than they that watch for the morning.

Let Israel hope in the Lord :

For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plentiful redemption.

And He shall redeem Israel :

From all his iniquities.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost :

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

¶ *Or at Evening Service.*

Ps. li. *Miserere mei.*

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Thy loving kindness :

According to the multitude of Thy tender mercies, blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity :

And cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my transgressions :

And my sin is ever before me.

Against Thee, Thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Thy sight :

That Thou mightest be justified when Thou speakest, and be clear when Thou judgest.

Behold, I was shapen in iniquity :

And in sin did my mother conceive me.

Behold, Thou desirest truth in the inward parts :

And in the hidden part shalt Thou make me to know wisdom.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean :

Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Make me to hear joy and gladness :

That the bones which Thou hast broken may rejoice.

Hide Thy face from my sins :

And blot out all mine iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God :

And renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence :

And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation :

And uphold me with Thy free Spirit.

Then will I teach transgressors Thy ways :

And sinners shall be converted unto Thee.

Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, Thou God of my salvation :

And my tongue shall sing aloud of Thy righteousness.

O Lord, open Thou my lips :

And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

For Thou desirest not sacrifice, else would I give it :

Thou delightest not in burnt offering.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit :

A broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.

Do good in Thy good pleasure unto Zion :

Build Thou the walls of Jerusalem.

Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering :

Then shall they offer bullocks upon Thine Altar.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost :

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

¶ *Then shall be said :*

Turn us again, O God of hosts ;

Cause Thy face to shine and we shall be saved.

Arise, O Christ, for our help ;

And redeem us, for Thy mercy's sake.

Hear my prayer, O Lord ;

And let my cry come unto Thee.

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

¶ *Then may the Minister say a Collect for the Season and any other suitable Collects, and after that he may say this Collect for peace.*

Give peace in our days, O Lord :

Because there is none other that fighteth for us, except Thou, our God.

O Lord, let there be peace in Thy strength :

And abundance in Thy towers.

Let us pray.

O GOD, from Whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed ; Give unto Thy servants that peace, which the world cannot give ; that our hearts may be set to obey Thy commandments, and also that by Thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness ; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

¶ *Then may be sung or said the*

Benedicamus.

Bless we the Lord :

Thanks be to God.

III.

THE MORNING SUFFRAGES.

¶ *To be said at Early Morning Service, or in the Morning Prayer of the Household.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

¶ *Then shall all say the Lord's Prayer and the Apostles' Creed:*

OUR Father, Who art in Heaven; Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell: The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting. Amen.

Unto Thee have I cried, O Lord:

And in the morning shall my prayer prevent Thee.

Let my mouth be filled with Thy praise:

And with Thy honor all the day.

O Lord, hide Thy face from my sins:

And blot out all mine iniquities.

Create in me, O God, a clean heart:

And renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence:

And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation:

And uphold me with Thy free Spirit.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, this day:

To keep us without sin.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord:

Have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us:

As our trust is in Thee.

Hear my prayer, O Lord:

And let my cry come unto Thee.

The Lord be with you:

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

¶ *Then shall be said the prayer here following, or No. 46 or No. 60 of the Collects and Prayers, or any other suitable prayer.*

WE give thanks unto Thee, Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ Thy dear Son, that Thou hast protected us through the night from all danger and harm; and we beseech Thee to preserve and keep us, this day also, from all sin and evil; that in all our thoughts, words and deeds, we may serve and please Thee. Into Thy hands we commend our bodies and souls, and all that is ours. Let Thy holy angel have charge concerning us, that the wicked one have no power over us. *Amen.*

Benedicamus.

Bless we the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

IV.

THE EVENING SUFFRAGES.

¶ *To be used at Evening Service, or at the Evening Prayer of the Household.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

¶ *Then shall all say:*

OUR Father, Who art in Heaven; Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. *Amen.*

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate; Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven; And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church; the Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting. *Amen.*

Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers :

And greatly to be praised and glorified forever.

Bless we the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost :

We praise and magnify Him forever.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven :

And greatly to be praised, and glorified, and highly exalted forever.

The Almighty and Merciful Lord, bless and preserve us.

Amen.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, this night :

To keep us without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us :

As our trust is in Thee.

Hear my prayer, O Lord :

And let my cry come unto Thee.

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

¶ *Then shall be said the Prayer here following, or No. 47 of the Collects and Prayers, or any other suitable prayer.*

WE give thanks unto Thee, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, that Thou hast this day so graciously protected us, and we beseech Thee to forgive us all our sins, and the wrong which we have done, and by Thy great mercy defend us from all the perils and dangers of this night. Into Thy hands we commend our bodies and souls, and all that is ours. Let Thy holy angel have charge concerning us, that the wicked one have no power over us. *Amen.*

Benedicamus.

Bless we the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

V.

THE BIDDING PRAYER.

¶ *By ancient usage this Prayer was specially appointed for Good Friday.*

BRETHREN, let us pray for the whole *Christian Church*, that our Lord God would vouchsafe to defend it against all the assaults and temptations of the adversary, and to keep it perpetually upon the true foundation, Jesus Christ.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, Who hast revealed Thy glory to all nations in Jesus Christ and the word of His truth; Keep, we beseech Thee, in safety the works of Thy mercy, that so Thy Church, spread throughout all nations, may serve Thee in true faith, and persevere in the confession of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray for the *Ministers* of the Word, for all *estates* of men in the Church, and for all the *people of God*.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before Thee for all estates of men in Thy holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve Thee; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray for our *Catechumens*, that our Lord God would open their hearts and the door of His mercy, that having received the remission of all their sins by the washing of regeneration, they may be mindful of their baptismal covenant, and evermore be found in Christ Jesus our Lord.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, Who dost always multiply Thy Church, and with Thy light and grace dost strengthen the hearts of those whom Thou hast regenerated, confirming unto them Thy covenant and faithfulness: Grant unto our *Catechumens* increase both of faith and knowledge, that they may rejoice in their Baptism and really and heartily renew their covenant with Thee. *Amen.*

Let us pray for *all in authority*, and especially for the government of the United States, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

O MERCIFUL Father in heaven, Who holdest in Thy hand all the might of man, and who hast ordained the powers that be for the punishment of evil-doers, and for the praise of them that do well, and of whom is all rule and authority in the kingdoms of the world; We humbly beseech Thee, graciously regard Thy servants, the President of the United States, the Governor of this Commonwealth, our Judges and magistrates, and all the Rulers of the earth; that all who receive the sword, as Thy ministers, may bear it according to Thy commandment; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray our Lord God Almighty that He would deliver the world from all *error*, take away *disease*, ward off *famine*, open the *prisons*, set free *those in bondage*, grant a safe return to the *wayfarers*, health to the *sick*, and to our *mariners* a harbor of security.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, the Consolation of the sorrowful, and the Strength of the weak; May the prayers of them that in any tribulation or distress cry unto Thee graciously come before Thee, so that in all their necessities they may mark and receive Thy manifold help and comfort; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Here may be offered Prayers for Schismatics, Jews, and Heathen. See Collects and Prayers 19-24.*

Let us pray for *peace*, that we may come to the knowledge of God's holy Word, and walk before Him as becometh Christians.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, King of glory, and Lord of heaven and earth, by whose Spirit all things are governed, by whose providence all things are ordered, who art the God of peace, and the author of all concord; Grant us, we beseech Thee, Thy heavenly peace and concord, that we may serve Thee in true fear, to the praise and glory of Thy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray for our *enemies*, that God would remember them in mercy, and graciously vouchsafe unto them such things as are both needful for them and profitable unto their salvation.

O ALMIGHTY, everlasting God, Who, through Thine Only Son, our blessed Lord, hast commanded us to love our enemies, to do good to them that hate us, and to pray for them that persecute us; We earnestly beseech Thee, that by Thy gracious visitation all our enemies may be led to true repentance, and may have the same love, and be of one accord and of one mind and heart, with us and with Thy whole Christian Church; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray for the *fruits of the earth*, that God would send down His blessing upon them, and graciously dispose our hearts to enjoy them in submission to His holy will.

O LORD, Father Almighty, Who by Thy Word hast created and dost bless and uphold all things; We pray Thee so to reveal unto us Thy Word our Lord Jesus

Christ, that He dwelling in our hearts, we may by Thy grace be made meet to receive Thy blessing on all the fruits of the earth, and whatsoever pertains to our bodily need; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask, saying:

OUR Father, Who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

VI.

ALmighty and everlasting God, who art worthy to be had in reverence by all the children of men, we give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for the innumerable blessings, both temporal and spiritual, which, without any merit or worthiness on our part, Thou hast bestowed upon us.

We praise Thee, especially, that Thou hast preserved unto us, in their purity, Thy saving Word, and the sacred ordinances of Thy house. And we beseech Thee, O Lord, to grant and preserve unto Thy holy Church, throughout the world, purity of doctrine, and faithful pastors who shall preach Thy Word with power; and help all who hear, rightly to understand, and truly to believe the same. Be Thou the Protector and Defender of Thy people in all time of tribulation and danger; and may we, in communion with Thy Church, and in brotherly unity with all our fellow-Christians, fight the good fight of faith, and in the end receive the salvation of our souls.

Bestow Thy grace upon all the nations of the earth. Especially do we entreat Thee to bless our land, and all its inhabitants, and all who are in authority. Cause Thy glory to dwell among us, and let mercy and truth, righteousness and peace, everywhere prevail. To this end, we commend to Thy care all our schools, and pray Thee to make them nurseries of useful knowledge and of Christian virtues, that they may bring forth the wholesome fruits of life.

Graciously defend us from all calamities by fire and water,

from war and pestilence, from scarcity and famine. Protect and prosper every one in his appropriate calling, and cause all useful arts to flourish among us. Be Thou the God and Father of the widow and the fatherless children, the Helper of the sick and needy, and the Comforter of the forsaken and distressed.

¶ *Here special Supplications, Intercessions, and Prayers may be made.*

And as we are strangers and pilgrims on earth, help us by true faith and a godly life to prepare for the world to come; doing the work which Thou hast given us to do while it is day; before the night cometh when no man can work. And when our last hour shall come, support us by Thy power, and receive us into Thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

VII.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, we, Thine unworthy servants, do give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men. We bless Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for Thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech Thee, give us that due sense of all Thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we may show forth Thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives: that walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days, we may enjoy the testimony of a good conscience and the hope of Thy favor, be sustained and comforted under the troubles of this life, and finally be received into Thine everlasting kingdom, through Thine infinite mercy in Jesus Christ our Lord.

We offer unto Thee our common supplications for the good estate of Thy Church throughout the world; that it may be so guided and governed by Thy good Spirit, that all who profess themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Send down upon all ministers of the gospel, and upon all congregations committed to their charge, the healthful spirit of Thy grace, and that

they may truly please Thee, pour upon them the continual dew of Thy blessing.

Most heartily we beseech Thee, with Thy favor to behold the President [and Congress] of the United States, and all others in authority ; and so replenish them with Thy grace, that they may always incline to Thy will, and walk in Thy way. Prosper all good counsels and all just works, that peace and happiness, truth and righteousness, religion and piety, may be established among us throughout all generations.

We humbly entreat Thee also for all sorts and conditions of men ; that Thou wouldest be pleased to make Thy ways known unto them, Thy saving health unto all nations.

May it please Thee to preserve all that travel by land or water ; to succor all that are in peril or need ; and to satisfy the wants of all Thy creatures.

We also commend to Thy fatherly goodness all those who are in any way afflicted or distressed, in mind, body, or estate ; that it may please Thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions.

¶ *Here special Supplications, Intercessions, and Prayers may be made.*

Hear us, most merciful God, in these our humble requests, which we offer up unto Thee in the Name of Jesus Christ Thy Son, our Lord, to Whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

A SELECTION OF PSALMS.

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Psalm i. *Beatus vir.*

BLESSED is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly: nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

But his delight is in the law of the LORD: and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season.

His leaf also shall not wither: and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment: nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Psalm ii. *Quare fremuerunt gentes.*

WHY do the heathen rage: and the people imagine a vain thing?

The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together: against the LORD, and against his Anointed, saying,

Let us break their bands asunder: and cast away their cords from us.

He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.

Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath: and vex them in his sore displeasure.

Yet have I set my king: upon my holy hill of Zion.

I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.

Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance: and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.

Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron: thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth.

Serve the LORD with fear: and rejoice with trembling.

Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little: blessed are all they that put their trust in him.

Psalm vi. *Domine ne in furore.*

O LORD, rebuke me not in thine anger: neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.

Have mercy upon me, O LORD; for I am weak: O Lord, heal me; for my bones are vexed.

My soul is also sore vexed: but thou, O LORD, how long?

Return, O LORD, deliver my soul: oh save me for thy mercies' sake.

For in death there is no remembrance of thee: in the grave who shall give thee thanks?

I am weary with my groaning; all the night make I my bed to swim: I water my couch with my tears.

Mine eye is consumed because of grief: it waxeth old because of all mine enemies.

Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity: for the LORD hath heard the voice of my weeping.

The LORD hath heard my supplication: the LORD will receive my prayer.

Let all mine enemies be ashamed and sore vexed: let them return and be ashamed suddenly.

Psalm viii. *Domine, Dominus noster.*

O LORD, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth: Who hast set thy glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies: that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers: the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;

What is man, that thou art mindful of him: and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels: and hast crowned him with glory and honor.

Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands: thou hast put all things under his feet;

All sheep and oxen: yea, and the beasts of the field;

The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea: and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.

O LORD our Lord: how excellent *is* thy name in all the earth!

Psalm xvi. *Conserva me, Domine.*

PRESERVE me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust.

O my soul, thou hast said unto the LORD, Thou art my Lord: my goodness extendeth not to thee;

But to the saints that are in the earth, and to the excellent: in whom is all my delight.

Their sorrows shall be multiplied that hasten after another god.

Their drink offerings of blood will I not offer, nor take up their names into my lips.

The LORD is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot.

The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places: yea, I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the LORD, who hath given me counsel: my reins also instruct me in the night-seasons.

I have set the LORD always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope.

For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell: neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

Psalm xviii. *Diligam te, Domine.*

I WILL love thee: O LORD, my strength.

The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer: my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.

I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.

The sorrows of death compassed me: and the floods of ungodly men made me afraid.

The sorrows of hell compassed me about: the snares of death prevented me.

In my distress I called upon the LORD and cried unto my God.

He heard my voice out of his temple: and my cry came before him, even into his ears.

Then the earth shook and trembled: the foundations also of the hills moved and were shaken, because he was wroth.

There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it.

He bowed the heavens also, and came down: and darkness was under his feet.

And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: yea, he did fly upon the wings of the wind.

He made darkness his secret place: his pavilion round about him were dark waters and thick clouds of the skies.

At the brightness that was before him his thick clouds passed: hailstones and coals of fire.

The LORD also thundered in the heavens, and the Highest gave his voice: hailstones and coals of fire.

Yea, he sent out his arrows, and scattered them: and he shot out lightnings, and discomfited them.

Then the channels of waters were seen, and the foundations of the world were discovered: at thy rebuke, O LORD, at the blast of the breath of thy nostrils.

He sent from above, he took me: he drew me out of many waters.

He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them which hated me: for they were too strong for me.

They prevented me in the day of my calamity: but the LORD was my stay.

He brought me forth also into a large place: he delivered me, because he delighted in me.

The LORD rewarded me according to my right-

eousness: according to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me.

For I have kept the ways of the LORD: and have not wickedly departed from my God.

For all his judgments were before me: and I did not put away his statutes from me.

I was also upright before him: and I kept myself from mine iniquity.

Therefore hath the LORD recompensed me according to my righteousness: according to the cleanness of my hands in his eyesight.

With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful: with an upright man thou wilt shew thyself upright;

With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure. and with the froward thou wilt shew thyself froward.

For thou wilt save the afflicted people: but wilt bring down high looks.

For thou wilt light my candle: the LORD my God will enlighten my darkness.

For by thee I have run through a troop: and by my God have I leaped over a wall.

As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the LORD is tried; he is a buckler to all those that trust in him.

For who is God save the LORD: or who is a rock save our God?

It is God that girdeth me with strength: and maketh my way perfect.

He maketh my feet like hinds' feet: and setteth me upon my high places.

He teacheth my hands to war: so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms.

Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy right hand hath holden me up, and thy gentleness hath made me great.

Thou hast enlarged my steps under me: that my feet did not slip.

I have pursued mine enemies and overtaken them: neither did I turn again till they were consumed.

I have wounded them that they were not able to rise: they are fallen under my feet.

For thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle: thou hast subdued under me those that rose up against me.

Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies: that I might destroy them that hate me.

They cried, but there was none to save them: even unto the LORD, but he answered them not.

Then did I beat them small as the dust before the wind: I did cast them out as the dirt in the streets.

Thou hast delivered me from the strivings of the people: and thou hast made me the head of the heathen.

A people whom I have not known: shall serve me.

As soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me: the strangers shall submit themselves unto me.

The strangers shall fade away: and be afraid out of their close places.

The LORD liveth; and blessed be my Rock: and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

It is God that avengeth me: and subdueth the people under me.

He delivereth me from mine enemies; yea, thou liftest me up above those that rise up against me: thou hast delivered me from the violent man.

Therefore will I give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the heathen: and sing praises unto thy name.

Great deliverance giveth he to his king: and sheweth mercy to his anointed, to David, and to his seed forevermore.

Psalm xix. *Coeli enarrant.*

THE heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

Day unto day uttereth speech: and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

There is no speech nor language: where their voice is not heard.

Their line is gone out through all the earth: and their words to the end of the world.

In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun: which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.

His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.

The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.

The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.

Who can understand his errors: cleanse thou me from secret faults.

Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight: O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.

Psalm xxi. *Domine, in virtute tua.*

THE king shall joy in thy strength, O LORD: and in thy salvation how greatly shall he rejoice!

Thou hast given him his heart's desire: and hast not withholden the request of his lips.

For thou preventest him with the blessings of goodness: thou settest a crown of pure gold on his head.

He asked life of thee, and thou gavest it him: even length of days for ever and ever.

His glory is great in thy salvation: honor and majesty hast thou laid upon him.

For thou hast made him most blessed for ever: thou hast made him exceeding glad with thy countenance.

For the king trusteth in the LORD: and through the mercy of the Most High he shall not be moved.

Thine hand shall find out all thine enemies: thy right hand shall find out those that hate thee.

Thou shalt make them as a fiery oven in the time of thine anger: the LORD shall swallow them up in his wrath, and the fire shall devour them.

Their fruit shalt thou destroy from the earth: and their seed from among the children of men.

For they intended evil against thee: they imagined a mischievous device, which they are not able to perform.

Therefore shalt thou make them turn their back: when thou shalt make ready thine arrows upon thy strings against the face of them.

Be thou exalted, LORD, in thine own strength: so will we sing and praise thy power.

Psalm xxii. *Deus, Deus meus.*

MY God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me: why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?

O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not: and in the night-season, and am not silent.

But thou art holy: O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.

Our fathers trusted in thee: they trusted, and thou didst deliver them.

They cried unto thee, and were delivered: they trusted in thee, and were not confounded.

But I am a worm, and no man: a reproach of men, and despised of the people.

All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying,

He trusted on the LORD that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him.

But thou art he that took me out of the womb: thou didst make me hope when I was upon my mother's breasts.

I was cast upon thee from the womb: thou art my God from my mother's belly.

Be not far from me; for trouble is near: for there is none to help.

Many bulls have compassed me : strong bulls of Bashan have beset me round.

They gaped upon me with their mouths : as a ravening and a roaring lion.

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels.

My strength is dried up like a potsherd ; and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws : and thou hast brought me into the dust of death.

For dogs have compassed me : the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me ; they pierced my hands and my feet.

I may tell all my bones : they look and stare upon me.

They part my garments among them : and cast lots upon my vesture.

But be not thou far from me, O LORD : O my strength, haste thee to help me.

Deliver my soul from the sword : my darling from the power of the dog.

Save me from the lion's mouth : for thou hast heard me from the horns of the unicorns.

I will declare thy name unto my brethren : in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.

Ye that fear the LORD, praise him ; all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him : and fear him, all ye the seed of Israel.

For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted : neither hath he hid his face from him ; but when he cried unto him, he heard.

My praise shall be of thee in the great congregation : I will pay my vows before them that fear him.

The meek shall eat and be satisfied : they shall

praise the LORD that seek him; your heart shall live for ever.

All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the LORD: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee.

For the kingdom is the LORD'S: and he is the governor among the nations.

All they that be fat upon the earth: shall eat and worship.

All they that go down to the dust shall bow before him: and none can keep alive his own soul.

A seed shall serve him: it shall be accounted to the LORD for a generation.

They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness unto a people that shall be born: that he hath done this.

Psalm xxiii. *Dominus regit me.*

THE LORD is my shepherd: I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Psalm xxiv. *Domini est terra.*

THE earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof: the world, and they that dwell therein.

For he hath founded it upon the seas: and established it upon the floods.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD: or who shall stand in his holy place?

He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart: who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

He shall receive the blessing from the LORD: and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

This is the generation of them that seek him: that seek thy face, O Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory: The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory: The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Psalm xxv. *Ad te, Domine, levavi.*

UNTIL thee, O LORD: do I lift up my soul.

O my God, I trust in thee: let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me.

Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause.

Shew me thy ways, O LORD: teach me thy paths.

Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.

Remember, O LORD, thy tender mercies and thy lovingkindnesses: for they have been ever of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to thy mercy remember thou me for thy goodness' sake, O LORD.

Good and upright is the LORD: therefore will he teach sinners in the way.

The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way.

All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth: unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

For thy name's sake, O LORD, pardon mine iniquity: for it is great.

What man is he that feareth the LORD: him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose.

His soul shall dwell at ease: and his seed shall inherit the earth.

The secret of the LORD is with them that fear him: and he will shew them his covenant.

Mine eyes are ever toward the LORD: for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.

Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me: for I am desolate and afflicted.

The troubles of my heart are enlarged: O bring thou me out of my distresses.

Look upon mine affliction and my pain: and forgive all my sins.

Consider mine enemies, for they are many: and they hate me with cruel hatred..

O keep my soul, and deliver me: let me not be ashamed; for I put my trust in thee.

Let integrity and uprightness preserve me: for I wait on thee.

Redeem Israel, O God: out of all his troubles.

Psalm xxvii. *Dominus illuminatio.*

THE LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear: the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh: they stumbled and fell.

Though a host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.

One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.

And now shall mine head be lifted up: above mine enemies round about me.

Therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy: I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD.

Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

When thou saidst, Seek ye my face: my heart said unto thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek.

Hide not thy face far from me: put not thy servant away in anger.

Thou hast been my help: leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

When my father and my mother forsake me: then the LORD will take me up.

Teach me thy way, O LORD: and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies.

Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty.

I had fainted: unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart; wait, I say, on the LORD.

Psalm xxviii. *Ad te, Domine.*

UNTO thee will I cry. O LORD my rock; be not silent to me: lest, if thou be silent to me, I become like them that go down into the pit.

Hear the voice of my supplications, when I cry unto thee: when I lift up my hands toward thy holy oracle.

Draw me not away with the wicked, and with the workers of iniquity: which speak peace to their neighbours, but mischief is in their hearts.

Give them according to their deeds: and according to the wickedness of their endeavors.

Give them after the work of their hands: render to them their desert.

Because they regard not the works of the LORD, nor the operation of his hands: he shall destroy them, and not build them up.

Blessed be the LORD: because he hath heard the voice of my supplications.

The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him.

The LORD is their strength: and he is the saving strength of his anointed.

Save thy people, and bless thine inheritance: feed them also, and lift them up for ever.

Psalm xxx. *Exaltabo te, Domine.*

I WILL extol thee, O LORD; for thou hast lifted me up: and hast not made my foes to rejoice over me.

O LORD my God, I cried unto thee: and thou hast healed me.

O LORD, thou hast brought up my soul from the grave: thou hast kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.

Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of his: and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favor is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

And in my prosperity I said: I shall never be moved.

LORD, by thy favor thou hast made my mountain to stand strong: thou didst hide thy face, and I was troubled.

I cried to thee, O LORD: and unto the LORD I made supplication.

What profit is there in my blood, when I go down to the pit: Shall the dust praise thee? shall it declare thy truth?

Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me: LORD, be thou my helper.

Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing: thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness.

To the end that my glory may sing praise to thee, and not be silent: O LORD my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

Psalm xxxii. *Beati, quorum.*

BLESSED is he whose transgression is forgiven: whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity: and in whose spirit there is no guile.

When I kept silence: my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long.

For day and night thy hand was heavy upon

me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer.

I acknowledged my sin unto thee: and mine iniquity have I not hid.

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD: and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

For this shall every one that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found: surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him.

Thou art my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble: thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.

I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.

Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding: whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee.

Many sorrows shall be to the wicked: but he that trusteth in the LORD, mercy shall compass him about.

Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.

Psalm xxxiii. *Exultate, justi.*

REJOICE in the LORD, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright.

Praise the LORD with harp: sing unto him with the psaltery and an instrument of ten strings.

Sing unto him a new song: play skilfully with a loud noise.

For the word of the LORD is right: and all his works are done in truth.

He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.

By the word of the LORD were the heavens made: and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

He gathereth the waters of the sea together as a heap: he layeth up the depth in store-houses.

Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.

For he spake, and it was done: he commanded, and it stood fast.

The LORD bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: he maketh the devices of the people of none effect.

The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever: the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD: and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

The LORD looketh from heaven: he beholdeth all the sons of men.

From the place of his habitation he looketh: upon all the inhabitants of the earth.

He fashioneth their hearts alike: he considereth all their works.

There is no king saved by the multitude of a host: a mighty man is not delivered by much strength.

A horse is a vain thing for safety: neither shall he deliver any by his great strength.

Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear him: upon them that hope in his mercy.

To deliver their soul from death: and to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul waited for the LORD: he is our help and our shield.

For our heart shall rejoice in him: because we have trusted in his holy name.

Let thy mercy, O LORD, be upon us: according as we hope in thee.

Psalm xxxiv. *Benedicam Dominum.*

I WILL bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

O magnify the LORD with me: and let us exalt his name together.

I sought the LORD, and he heard me: and delivered me from all my fears.

They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.

This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him: and saved him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him: and delivereth them.

O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

O fear the LORD, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him.

The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good thing.

Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

What man is he that desireth life: and loveth many days, that he may see good?

Keep thy tongue from evil: and thy lips from speaking guile.

Depart from evil, and do good: seek peace, and pursue it.

The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous: and his ears are open unto their cry.

The face of the LORD is against them that do evil: to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth: and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart: and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.

He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken.

Evil shall slay the wicked: and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.

The LORD redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.

Psalm xxxvi. *Dixit injustus.*

THE transgression of the wicked saith within my heart: that there is no fear of God before his eyes.

For he flattereth himself in his own eyes: until his iniquity be found to be hateful.

The words of his mouth are iniquity and deceit: he hath left off to be wise, and to do good.

He deviseth mischief upon his bed; he setteth himself in a way that is not good: he abhorreth not evil.

Thy mercy, O LORD, is in the heavens: and thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds.

Thy righteousness is like the great mountains; thy judgments are a great deep: O LORD, thou preservest man and beast.

How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O God: therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house: and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures.

For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light.

O continue thy lovingkindness unto them that know thee: and thy righteousness to the upright in heart.

Let not the foot of pride come against me: and let not the hand of the wicked remove me.

There are the workers of iniquity fallen: they are cast down, and shall not be able to rise.

Psalm xl. *Expectans expectavi.*

I WAITED patiently for the LORD: and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.

He brought me up also out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay: and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings.

And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.

Blessed is the man that maketh the LORD his trust: and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.

Many, O LORD my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee.

If I would declare and speak of them: they are more than can be numbered.

Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened: burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required.

Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me,

I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.

I have preached righteousness in the great congregation: lo, I have not refrained my lips, O LORD, thou knowest.

I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart: I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation.

I have not concealed thy lovingkindness and thy truth: from the great congregation.

Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O LORD: let thy lovingkindness and thy truth continually preserve me.

For innumerable evils have compassed me about; mine iniquities have taken hold upon me, so that I am not able to look up: they are more than the hairs of mine head: therefore my heart faileth me.

Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me: O LORD, make haste to help me.

Let them be ashamed and confounded together that seek after my soul to destroy it: let them be driven backward and put to shame that wish me evil.

Let them be desolate for a reward of their shame: that say unto me, Aha, aha.

Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: let such as love thy salvation say continually, The LORD be magnified.

But I am poor and needy: yet the LORD thinketh upon me.

Thou art my help and my deliverer: make no tarrying, O my God.

Psalm xliii. *Judica me, Deus.*

JUDGE me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation: O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man.

For thou art the God of my strength, why dost thou cast me off?: why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

O send out thy light and thy truth, let them lead me: let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles.

Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy: yea, upon the harp will I praise thee, O God my God.

Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

Psalm xlv. *Eructavit cor meum.*

MY heart is inditing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the King.

My tongue is the pen: of a ready writer.

Thou art fairer than the children of men: grace is poured into thy lips; therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.

Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O most Mighty: with thy glory and thy majesty.

And in thy majesty ride prosperously, because of truth and meekness and righteousness: and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.

Thine arrows are sharp in the heart of the King's enemies: whereby the people fall under thee.

Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.

Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

All thy garments smell of myrrh, and aloes, and cassia: out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad.

Kings' daughters were among thy honourable

women: upon thy right hand did stand the queen in gold of Ophir.

Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear: forget also thine own people, and thy father's house.

So shall the King greatly desire thy beauty: for he is thy LORD, and worship thou him.

And the daughter of Tyre shall be there with a gift: even the rich among the people shall entreat thy favor.

The King's daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold.

She shall be brought unto the King in raiment of needlework: the virgins her companions that follow her shall be brought unto thee.

With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought: they shall enter into the King's palace.

Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children: whom thou mayest make princes in all the earth.

I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations: therefore shall the people praise thee for ever and ever.

Psalm xlvii. *Deus noster refugium.*

GOD is our refuge and strength: a very present help in trouble.

Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed: and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled: though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof.

There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God: the holy place of the tabernacles of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early.

The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved:
he uttered his voice, the earth melted.

The LORD of hosts is with us: the God of
Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the works of the LORD: what
desolations he hath made in the earth.

He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the
earth: he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the
spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the
fire.

Be still, and know that I am God: I will be
exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in
the earth.

The LORD of hosts is with us: the God of
Jacob is our refuge.

Psalm xlvii. *Omnes gentes, plaudite.*

O CLAP your hands, all ye people: shout
unto God with the voice of triumph.

For the LORD most high is terrible: he is a
great King over all the earth.

He shall subdue the people under us: and the
nations under our feet.

He shall choose our inheritance for us: the
excellency of Jacob whom he loved.

God is gone up with a shout: the LORD with
the sound of a trumpet.

Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises
unto our King, sing praises.

For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye
praises with understanding

God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth
upon the throne of his holiness.

The princes of the people are gathered to-
gether, even the people of the God of Abraham:
for the shields of the earth belong unto God; he
is greatly exalted.

Psalm xlviii. *Magnus Dominus.*

GREAT is the LORD, and greatly to be praised: in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness.

Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion: on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.

God is known in her palaces: for a refuge.

For, lo, the kings were assembled: they passed by together.

They saw it, and so they marvelled: they were troubled, and hasted away.

Fear took hold upon them there, and pain: as of a woman in travail.

Thou breakest the ships of Tarshish: with an east wind.

As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God: God will establish it for ever.

We have thought of thy lovingkindness, O God: in the midst of thy temple.

According to thy name, O God, so is thy praise unto the ends of the earth: thy right hand is full of righteousness.

Let mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad: because of thy judgments.

Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof.

Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces: that ye may tell it to the generation following.

For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death.

Psalm lvi. *Miserere mei, Deus.*

BE merciful unto me, O God; for man would swallow me up: he fighting daily oppresseth me.

Mine enemies would daily swallow me up: for they be many that fight against me, O thou Most High.

What time I am afraid: I will trust in thee.

In God I will praise his word: in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.

Every day they wrest my words: all their thoughts are against me for evil.

They gather themselves together, they hide themselves: they mark my steps, when they wait for my soul.

Shall they escape by iniquity: in thine anger cast down the people, O God.

Thou tellest my wanderings; put thou my tears into thy bottle: are they not in thy book?

When I cry unto thee, then shall mine enemies turn back: this I know; for God is for me.

In God will I praise his word: in the LORD will I praise his word.

In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.

Thy vows are upon me, O God: I will render praises unto thee.

For thou hast delivered my soul from death, wilt not thou deliver my feet from falling: that I may walk before God in the light of the living?

Psalm lxxv. *Te decet hymnus.*

PRAISE waiteth for thee, O God, in Zion: and unto thee shall the vow be performed.

O thou that hearest prayer: unto thee shall all flesh come.

Iniquities prevail against me: as for our transgressions, thou shalt purge them away.

Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

By terrible things in righteousness wilt thou answer us, O God of our salvation: who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off upon the sea.

Which by his strength setteth fast the mountains: being girded with power.

Which stilleth the noise of the seas: the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people.

They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid at thy tokens: thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice.

Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it: thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God, which is full of water.

Thou preparest them corn: when thou hast so provided for it.

Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly; thou settlest the furrows thereof: thou makest it soft with showers; thou blessest the springing thereof.

Thou crownest the year with thy goodness: and thy paths drop fatness.

They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness: and the little hills rejoice on every side.

The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with corn: they shout for joy, they also sing.

Psalm lxvi. *Jubilate Deo.*

MAKE a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands: sing forth the honor of his name; make his praise glorious.

Say unto God, How terrible art thou in thy works: through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee.

All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing unto thee: they shall sing to thy name.

Come and see the works of God: he is terrible in his doing toward the children of men.

He turned the sea into dry land: they went through the flood on foot; there did we rejoice in him.

He ruleth by his power for ever; his eyes behold the nations: let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

O bless our God, ye people: and make the voice of his praise to be heard.

Which holdeth our soul in life: and suffereth not our feet to be moved.

For thou, O God, hast proved us: thou hast tried us, as silver is tried.

Thou broughtest us into the net: thou laidst affliction upon our loins.

Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads: we went through fire and through water; but thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place.

I will go into thy house with burnt offerings: I will pay thee my vows, which my lips have uttered, and my mouth hath spoken, when I was in trouble.

I will offer unto thee burnt sacrifices of fatlings, with the incense of rams: I will offer bullocks with goats.

Come and hear, all ye that fear God: and I will declare what he hath done for my soul.

I cried unto him with my mouth: and he was extolled with my tongue.

If I regard iniquity in my heart: the LORD will not hear me.

But verily God hath heard me: he hath attended to the voice of my prayer.

Blessed be God which hath not turned away my prayer: nor his mercy from me.

Psalm lxvii. *Deus misereatur.*

GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us: and cause his face to shine upon us.

That thy way may be known upon earth: thy saving health among all nations.

Let the people praise thee, O God: let all the people praise thee.

O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise thee, O God: let all the people praise thee.

Then shall the earth yield her increase: and God, even our own God shall bless us.

God shall bless us: and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

Psalm lxviii. *Exurgat Deus.*

LET God arise, let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him.

As smoke is driven away, so drive them away: as wax melteth before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

But let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God: yea, let them exceedingly rejoice.

Sing unto God, sing praises unto his name: extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name JAH, and rejoice before him.

A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows: is God in his holy habitation.

God setteth the solitary in families; he bringeth out those which are bound with chains: but the rebellious dwell in a dry land.

O God, when thou wentest forth before thy people: when thou didst march through the wilderness,

The earth shook, the heavens also dropped at the presence of God: even Sinai itself was moved at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

Thou, O God, didst send a plentiful rain: whereby thou didst confirm thine inheritance, when it was weary.

Thy congregation hath dwelt therein: thou, O God, hast prepared of thy goodness for the poor.

The LORD gave the word: great was the company of those that published it.

Kings of armies did flee apace: and she that tarried at home divided the spoil.

Though ye have lain among the pots, yet shall ye be as the wings of a dove: covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold.

When the Almighty scattered kings in it: it was white as snow in Salmon.

The hill of God is as the hill of Bashan: a high hill as the hill of Bashan.

Why leap ye, ye high hills? this is the hill which God desireth to dwell in: yea, the LORD will dwell in it for ever.

The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels: the Lord is among them, as in Sinai, in the holy place.

Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive, thou hast received gifts for men: yea, for the rebellious also, that the LORD God might dwell among them.

Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits: even the God of our salvation.

He that is our God is the God of salvation: and unto God the Lord belong the issues from death.

But God shall wound the head of his enemies: and the hairy scalp of such a one as goeth on still in his trespasses.

The Lord said, I will bring again from Bashan: I will bring my people again from the depths of the sea.

That thy foot may be dipped in the blood of thine enemies: and the tongue of thy dogs in the same.

They have seen thy goings, O God: even the goings of my God, my King, in the sanctuary.

The singers went before, the players on instruments followed after: among them were the damsels playing with timbrels.

Bless ye God in the congregations: even the Lord, from the fountain of Israel.

There is little Benjamin with their ruler, the princes of Judah and their council: the princes of Zebulun, and the princes of Naphtali.

Thy God hath commanded thy strength: strengthen, O God, that which thou hast wrought for us.

Because of thy temple at Jerusalem: shall kings bring presents unto thee.

Rebuke the company of spearmen, the multitude of the bulls, with the calves of the people, till every one submit himself with pieces of silver: scatter thou the people that delight in war.

Princes shall come out of Egypt: Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto God.

Sing unto God, ye kingdoms of the earth: O sing praises unto the Lord;

To him that rideth upon the heavens of heavens, which were of old: lo, he doth send out his voice, and that a mighty voice.

Ascribe ye strength unto God, his excellency is over Israel: and his strength is in the clouds.

O God, thou art terrible out of thy holy places: the God of Israel is he that giveth strength and power unto his people. Blessed be God.

Psalm lxxii. *Deus, judicium.*

GIVE the king thy judgments, O God: and thy righteousness unto the king's son.

He shall judge thy people with righteousness: and thy poor with judgment.

The mountains shall bring peace to the people: and the little hills, by righteousness.

He shall judge the poor of the people, he shall save the children of the needy: and shall break in pieces the oppressor.

They shall fear thee as long as the sun and moon endure: throughout all generations.

He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass: as showers that water the earth.

In his days shall the righteous flourish: and abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth.

He shall have dominion also from sea to sea: and from the river unto the ends of the earth.

They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him: and his enemies shall lick the dust.

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents: the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.

Yea, all kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall serve him.

For he shall deliver the needy when he crieth: the poor also, and him that hath no helper.

He shall spare the poor and needy: and shall save the souls of the needy.

He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence: and precious shall their blood be in his sight.

And he shall live, and to him shall be given of the gold of Sheba: prayer also shall be made for him continually, and daily shall he be praised.

There shall be a handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains: the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon; and they of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth.

His name shall endure forever; his name shall be continued as long as the sun: and men shall be blessed in him; all nations shall call him blessed.

Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel: who only doeth wondrous things.

And blessed be his glorious name for ever: and let the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen, and Amen.

Psalm lxxvii. *Voce mea ad Dominum.*

I CRIED unto God with my voice: even unto God with my voice, and he gave ear unto me.

In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord: my sore ran in the night, and ceased not; my soul refused to be comforted.

I remembered God, and was troubled: I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed.

Thou holdest mine eyes waking: I am so troubled that I cannot speak.

I have considered the days of old: the years of ancient times.

I call to remembrance my song in the night: I commune with mine own heart, and my spirit made diligent search.

Will the Lord cast off for ever: and will he be favourable no more?

Is his mercy clean gone forever: doth his promise fail forevermore?

Hath God forgotten to be gracious: hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies?

And I said, This is my infirmity: but I will remember the years of the right hand of the Most High.

I will remember the works of the LORD: surely I will remember thy wonders of old.

I will meditate also of all thy work: and talk of thy doings.

Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary: who is so great a God as our God?

Thou art the God that doest wonders: thou hast declared thy strength among the people.

Thou hast with thine arm redeemed thy people: the sons of Jacob and Joseph.

The waters saw thee, O God, the waters saw thee; they were afraid: the depths also were troubled.

The clouds poured out water; the skies sent out a sound: thine arrows also went abroad.

The voice of thy thunder was in the heaven: the lightnings lightened the world; the earth trembled and shook.

Thy way is in the sea, and thy path in the great waters: and thy footsteps are not known.

Thou leddest thy people like a flock: by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Psalm lxxxv. *Benedixisti, Domine.*

LORD, thou hast been favorable unto thy land: thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob.

Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people :
thou hast covered all their sin.

Thou hast taken away all thy wrath : thou hast
turned thyself from the fierceness of thine anger.

Turn us, O God of our salvation : and cause
thine anger toward us to cease.

Wilt thou be angry with us forever : wilt
thou draw out thine anger to all generations ?

Wilt thou not revive us again : that thy people
may rejoice in thee ?

Shew us thy mercy, O LORD : and grant us thy
salvation.

I will hear what God the LORD will speak : for
he will speak peace unto his people, and to his
saints ; but let them not turn again to folly.

Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him :
that glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth are met together : righteous-
ness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall spring out of the earth : and right-
eousness shall look down from heaven.

Yea, the LORD shall give that which is good :
and our land shall yield her increase.

Righteousness shall go before him : and shall
set us in the way of his steps.

Psalm lxxxvi. *Inclina, Domine.*

BOW down thine ear, O LORD, hear me : for I
am poor and needy.

Preserve my soul ; for I am holy : O thou my
God, save Thy servant that trusteth in thee.

Be merciful unto me, O Lord : for I cry unto
thee daily.

Rejoice the soul of thy servant : for unto thee,
O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive :

and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

Give ear, O LORD, unto my prayer: and attend to the voice of my supplications.

In the day of my trouble will I call upon thee: for thou wilt answer me.

Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O Lord: neither are there any works like unto thy works.

All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord: and shall glorify thy name.

For thou art great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone.

Teach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name.

I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore.

For great is thy mercy toward me: and thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell.

O God, the proud are risen against me: and the assemblies of violent men have sought after my soul, and have not set thee before them.

But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious: longsuffering and plenteous in mercy and truth.

O turn unto me, and have mercy upon me: give thy strength unto thy servant, and save the son of thine handmaid.

Shew me a token for good; that they which hate me may see it, and be ashamed: because thou, LORD, hast holpen me, and comforted me.

Psalm lxxxvii. *Fundamenta ejus.*

HIS foundation: is in the holy mountains.
The LORD loveth the gates of Zion: more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

Glorious things are spoken of thee: O city of God. Selah.

I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon: to them that know me.

Behold Philistia, and Tyre, with Ethiopia: this man was born there.

And of Zion it shall be said, This and that man was born in her: and the Highest himself shall establish her.

The LORD shall count, when he writeth up the people: that this man was born there.

As well the singers as the players on instruments shall be there: all my springs are in thee.

Psalm lxxxix. *Misericordias Domini.*

I WILL sing of the mercies of the LORD for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations.

For I have said, Mercy shall be built up for ever: thy faithfulness shalt thou establish in the very heavens.

I have made a covenant with my chosen: I have sworn unto David my servant.

Thy seed will I establish for ever: and build up thy throne to all generations.

And the heavens shall praise thy wonders, O LORD: thy faithfulness also in the congregation of the saints.

For who in the heaven can be compared unto the LORD: who among the sons of the mighty can be likened unto the LORD?

God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints: and to be had in reverence of all them that are about him.

O LORD God of hosts, who is a strong LORD like unto thee: or to thy faithfulness round about thee?

Thou rulest the raging of the sea: when the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them.

Thou hast broken Rahab in pieces, as one that is slain: thou hast scattered thine enemies with thy strong arm.

The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine: as for the world and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded them.

The north and the south, thou hast created them: Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in thy name.

Thou hast a mighty arm: strong is thy hand, and high is thy right hand.

Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face.

Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O LORD, in the light of thy countenance.

In thy name shall they rejoice all the day: and in thy righteousness shall they be exalted.

For thou art the glory of their strength: and in thy favor our horn shall be exalted.

For the LORD is our defence: and the Holy One of Israel is our King.

Then thou spakest in vision to thy Holy One, and saidst: I have laid help upon one that is mighty; I have exalted one chosen out of the people.

I have found David my servant: with my holy oil have I anointed him.

With whom my hand shall be established: mine arm also shall strengthen him.

The enemy shall not exact upon him: nor the son of wickedness afflict him.

And I will beat down his foes before his face: and plague them that hate him.

But my faithfulness and my mercy shall be with him: and in my name shall his horn be exalted.

I will set his hand also in the sea: and his right hand in the rivers.

He shall cry unto me, Thou art my Father: my God, and the Rock of my salvation.

Also I will make him my firstborn: higher than the kings of the earth.

My mercy will I keep for him for evermore: and my covenant shall stand fast with him.

His seed also will I make to endure for ever: and his throne as the days of heaven.

If his children forsake my law: and walk not in my judgments;

If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments: then will I visit their transgression with the rod; and their iniquity with stripes.

Nevertheless my lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him: nor suffer my faithfulness to fail.

My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips: once have I sworn by my holiness: that I will not lie unto David.

His seed shall endure for ever: and his throne as the sun before me.

It shall be established for ever as the moon: and as a faithful witness in heaven.

But thou hast cast off and abhorred: thou hast been wroth with thine anointed.

Thou hast made void the covenant of thy servant: thou hast profaned his crown by casting it to the ground.

Thou hast broken down all his hedges: thou hast brought his strong holds to ruin.

All that pass by the way spoil him : he is a reproach to his neighbors.

Thou hast set up the right hand of his adversaries : thou hast made all his enemies to rejoice.

Thou hast also turned the edge of his sword : and hast not made him to stand in the battle.

Thou hast made his glory to cease : and cast his throne down to the ground.

The days of his youth hast thou shortened : thou hast covered him with shame.

How long, LORD ? wilt thou hide thyself for ever : shall thy wrath burn like fire ?

Remember how short my time is : wherefore hast thou made all men in vain ?

What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death : shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave ?

Lord, where are thy former lovingkindnesses : which thou swarest unto David in thy truth ?

Remember, Lord, the reproach of thy servants : how I do bear in my bosom the reproach of all the mighty people ;

Wherewith thine enemies have reproached, O LORD ; wherewith they have reproached the footsteps of thine anointed : blessed be the LORD for evermore. Amen, and Amen.

Psalm xc. *Domine, refugium.*

LORD, thou hast been our dwellingplace : in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world : even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

Thou turnest man to destruction : and sayest, Return, ye children of men.

For a thousand years in thy sight are but as

yesterday when it is past : and as a watch in the night.

Thou carriest them away as with a flood ; they are as a sleep : in the morning they are like grass which groweth up.

In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up : in the evening it is cut down, and withereth.

For we are consumed by thine anger : and by thy wrath are we troubled.

Thou hast set our iniquities before thee : our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

For all our days are passed away in thy wrath : we spend our years as a tale that is told.

The days of our years are threescore years and ten ; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years : yet is their strength labor and sorrow ; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

Who knoweth the power of thine anger : even according to thy fear, so is thy wrath.

So teach us to number our days : that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Return, O LORD, how long : and let it repent thee concerning thy servants.

O satisfy us early with thy mercy : that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Make us glad according to the days wherein thou hast afflicted us : and the years wherein we have seen evil.

Let thy work appear unto thy servants : and thy glory unto their children.

And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us : and establish thou the work of our hands upon us ; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

Psalm xci. *Qui habitat.*

HE that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High: shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler: and from the noisome pestilence.

He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night: nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness: nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand: but it shall not come nigh thee.

Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold: and see the reward of the wicked.

Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge: even the Most High, thy habitation;

There shall no evil befall thee: neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

For he shall give his angels charge over thee: to keep thee in all thy ways.

They shall bear thee up in their hands: lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

He shall call upon me, and I will answer him

I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honor him.

With long life will I satisfy him: and show him my salvation.

Psalm xcii. *Bonum est confiteri.*

IT is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD: and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High;

To show forth thy lovingkindness in the morning: and thy faithfulness every night.

Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the psaltery: upon the harp with a solemn sound.

For thou, LORD, hast made me glad through thy work: I will triumph in the works of thy hands.

O LORD, how great are thy works: and thy thoughts are very deep.

A brutish man knoweth not: neither doth a fool understand this.

When the wicked spring as the grass, and when all the workers of iniquity do flourish: it is that they shall be destroyed for ever; but thou, LORD, art most high for evermore.

For, lo, thine enemies, O LORD, for, lo, thine enemies shall perish: all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.

But my horn shalt thou exalt like the horn of a unicorn: I shall be anointed with fresh oil.

Mine eye also shall see my desire on mine enemies: and mine ears shall hear my desire of the wicked that rise up against me.

The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

Those that be planted in the house of the LORD: shall flourish in the courts of our God.

They shall still bring forth fruit in old age: they shall be fat and flourishing;

To show that the LORD is upright; he is my rock: and there is no unrighteousness in him.

Psalm xciii. *Dominus regnavit.*

THE LORD reigneth, he is clothed with majesty: the LORD is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded himself.

The world also is established: that it cannot be moved.

Thy throne is established of old: thou art from everlasting.

The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice: the floods lift up their waves.

The LORD on high is mightier than the noise of many waters: yea, than the mighty waves of the sea.

Thy testimonies are very sure: holiness becometh thine house, O LORD, for ever.

Psalm xcv. *Venite, exultemus.*

COME, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving: and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

For the LORD is a great God: and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land.

O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker.

For he is our God: and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

To-day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your heart: as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness;

When your fathers tempted me: proved me, and saw my work.

Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said: It is a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways;

Unto whom I swear in my wrath: that they should not enter into my rest.

Psalm xcvi. *Dominus regnavit.*

THE Lord reigneth, let the earth rejoice; let multitude of isles be glad thereof.

Clouds and darkness are round about him: righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his throne.

A fire goeth before him: and burneth up his enemies round about.

His lightnings enlightened the world: the earth saw, and trembled.

The hills melted like wax at the presence of the LORD: at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

The heavens declare his righteousness: and all the people see his glory.

Confounded be all they that serve graven images, that boast themselves of idols: worship him, all ye gods.

Zion heard, and was glad: and the daughters of Judah rejoiced because of thy judgments, O LORD.

For thou, LORD, art high above all the earth: thou art exalted far above all gods.

Ye that love the LORD, hate evil: he preserv-

eth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.

Light is sown for the righteous: and gladness for the upright in heart.

Rejoice in the LORD, ye righteous: and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

Psalm xcvi. *Cantate Domino.*

O SING unto the LORD a new song: for he hath done marvellous things.

His right hand, and his holy arm: hath gotten him the victory.

The LORD hath made known his salvation: his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.

He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.

Sing unto the LORD with the harp: with the harp, and the voice of a psalm.

With trumpets and sound of cornet: make a joyful noise before the LORD, the King.

Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof: the world, and they that dwell therein.

Let the floods clap their hands, let the hills be joyful together before the LORD: for he cometh to judge the earth.

With righteousness shall he judge the world: and the people with equity.

Psalm c. *Jubilate Deo.*

MAKE a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands: serve the LORD with gladness, come before his presence with singing.

Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting: and his truth endureth to all generations.

Psalm ciii. *Benedic, anima mea.*

BLESS the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul: and forget not all his benefits;

Who forgiveth all thine iniquities: who healeth all thy diseases;

Who redeemeth thy life from destruction: who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;

Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things: so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The LORD executeth righteousness and judgment: for all that are oppressed.

He made known his ways unto Moses: his acts unto the children of Israel.

The LORD is merciful and gracious: slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger for ever.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins: nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

For as the heaven is high above the earth: so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

As far as the east is from the west: so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

Like as a father pitieth his children: so the LORD pitieth them that fear him.

For he knoweth our frame : he remembereth that we are dust.

As for man, his days are as grass : as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.

For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone : and the place thereof shall know it no more.

But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him : and his righteousness unto children's children ;

To such as keep his covenant : and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens : and his kingdom ruleth over all.

Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength : that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.

Bless ye the LORD, all ye his hosts : ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure.

Bless the LORD, all his works in all places of his dominion : bless the LORD, O my soul.

Psalm civ. *Benedic, anima mea.*

BLESS the LORD, O my soul : O LORD my God, thou art very great ; thou art clothed with honour and majesty ;

Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment : who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain ;

Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters : who maketh the clouds his chariot ; who walketh upon the wings of the wind ;

Who maketh his angels spirits : his ministers a flaming fire ;

Who laid the foundations of the earth : that it should not be removed for ever.

Thou coveredst it with the deep as with a garment : the waters stood above the mountains.

At thy rebuke they fled: at the voice of thy thunder they hasted away.

They go up by the mountains; they go down by the valleys: unto the place which thou hast founded for them.

Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over: that they turn not again to cover the earth.

He sendeth the springs into the valleys: which run among the hills.

They give drink to every beast of the field: the wild asses quench their thirst.

By them shall the fowls of the heaven have their habitation: which sing among the branches.

He watereth the hills from his chambers: the earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works.

He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle: and herb for the service of man;

That he may bring forth food out of the earth, and wine that maketh glad the heart of man: and oil to make his face to shine, and bread which strengtheneth man's heart.

The trees of the LORD are full of sap: the cedars of Lebanon, which he hath planted;

Where the birds make their nests: as for the stork, the fir trees are her house.

The high hills are a refuge for the wild goats: and the rocks for the conies.

He appointed the moon for seasons: the sun knoweth his going down.

Thou makest darkness, and it is night: wherein all the beasts of the forest do creep forth.

The young lions roar after their prey: and seek their meat from God.

The sun ariseth, they gather themselves together: and lay them down in their dens.

Man goeth forth unto his work and to his labour: until the evening.

O LORD, how manifold are thy works: in wisdom hast thou made them all; the earth is full of thy riches.

So is this great and wide sea: wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.

There go the ships; there is that leviathan: whom thou hast made to play therein.

These wait all upon thee: that thou mayest give them their meat in due season.

That thou givest them they gather: thou openest thine hand, they are filled with good.

Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled: thou takest away their breath, they die, and return to their dust.

Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth.

The glory of the LORD shall endure for ever: the LORD shall rejoice in his works.

He looketh on the earth, and it trembleth: he toucheth the hills, and they smoke.

I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.

My meditation of him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the LORD.

Let the sinners be consumed out of the earth, and let the wicked be no more: Bless thou the LORD, O my soul. Praise ye the LORD.

Psalm cx. *Dixit Dominus.*

THE LORD said unto my Lord: Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength

out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.

Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth.

The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent: Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

The Lord at thy right hand: shall strike through kings in the day of his wrath.

He shall judge among the heathen, he shall fill the places with the dead bodies: he shall wound the heads over many countries.

He shall drink of the brook in the way: therefore shall he lift up the head.

Psalm cxi. *Confitebor tibi.*

PRAISE ye the LORD. I will praise the LORD with my whole heart: in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation.

The works of the LORD are great: sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

His work is honourable and glorious: and his righteousness endureth for ever.

He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered: the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

He hath given meat unto them that fear him: he will ever be mindful of his covenant.

He hath shewed his people the power of his works: that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.

The works of his hands are verity and judgment: all his commandments are sure.

They stand fast for ever and ever: and are done in truth and uprightness.

He sent redemption unto his people: he hath

commanded his covenant for ever: holy and reverend is his name.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments; his praise endureth for ever.

Psalm cxiii. *Laudate, pueri.*

PRAISE ye the LORD. Praise, O ye servants of the LORD: praise the name of the LORD.

Blessed be the name of the LORD: from this time forth and for evermore.

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same: the LORD'S name is to be praised.

The LORD is high above all nations: and his glory above the heavens.

Who is like unto the LORD our God, who dwelleth on high: who humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven, and in the earth!

He raiseth up the poor out of the dust: and lifteth the needy out of the dunghill;

That he may set him with princes: even with the princes of his people.

He maketh the barren woman to keep house: and to be a joyful mother of children. Praise ye the LORD.

Psalm cxv. *Non nobis, Domine.*

NOT unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory: for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake.

Wherefore should the heathen say: Where is now their God?

But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.

Their idols are silver and gold: the work of men's hands.

They have mouths, but they speak not: eyes have they, but they see not;

They have ears, but they hear not: noses have they, but they smell not;

They have hands, but they handle not; feet have they, but they walk not: neither speak they through their throat.

They that make them are like unto them: so is every one that trusteth in them.

O Israel, trust thou in the LORD: he is their help and their shield.

O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD: he is their help and their shield.

Ye that fear the LORD, trust in the LORD: he is their help and their shield.

The LORD hath been mindful of us; he will bless us: he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron.

He will bless them that fear the LORD: both small and great.

The LORD shall increase you more and more: you and your children.

Ye are blessed of the LORD: which made heaven and earth.

The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD's: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.

The dead praise not the LORD: neither any that go down into silence.

But we will bless the LORD: from this time forth and for evermore. Praise the LORD.

Psalm cxvi. *Dilexi, quoniam.*

I LOVE the LORD: because he hath heard my voice and my supplications.

Because he hath inclined his ear unto me: therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow.

Then called I upon the name of the LORD: O LORD, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.

Gracious is the LORD, and righteous: yea, our God is merciful.

The LORD preserveth the simple: I was brought low, and he helped me.

Return unto thy rest, O my soul: for the LORD hath dealt bountifully with thee.

For thou hast delivered my soul from death: mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

I will walk before the LORD: in the land of the living.

I believed, therefore have I spoken; I was greatly afflicted: I said in my haste, All men are liars.

What shall I render unto the LORD: for all his benefits toward me?

I will take the cup of salvation: and call upon the name of the LORD.

I will pay my vows unto the LORD now: in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the LORD: is the death of his saints.

O LORD, truly I am thy servant: I am thy servant, and the son of thine handmaid; thou hast loosed my bonds.

I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving: and will call upon the name of the LORD.

I will pay my vows unto the LORD now, in the presence of all his people: in the courts of the LORD's house, in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise ye the LORD.

Psalm cxvii. *Laudate Dominum.*

O PRAISE the LORD, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people.

For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the LORD endureth for ever. Praise ye the LORD.

Psalm cxviii. *Confitemini Domino.*

O GIVE thanks unto the LORD, for he is good: because his mercy endureth for ever.

Let Israel now say: that his mercy endureth for ever.

Let the house of Aaron now say: that his mercy endureth for ever.

Let them now that fear the LORD say: that his mercy endureth for ever.

I called upon the LORD in distress: the LORD answered me, and set me in a large place.

The LORD is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?

The LORD taketh my part with them that help me: therefore shall I see my desire upon them that hate me.

It is better to trust in the LORD: than to put confidence in man.

It is better to trust in the LORD: than to put confidence in princes.

All nations compassed me about: but in the name of the LORD will I destroy them.

They compassed me about; yea, they compassed me about: but in the name of the LORD I will destroy them. They compassed me about like bees; they are quenched as the fire of thorns: for in the name of the LORD I will destroy them.

Thou hast thrust sore at me that I might fall: but the LORD helped me.

The LORD is my strength and song: and is become my salvation.

The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacles of the righteous: the right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly.

The right hand of the LORD is exalted: the right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly.

I shall not die, but live: and declare the works of the LORD.

The LORD hath chastened me sore: but he hath not given me over unto death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, and I will praise the LORD:

This gate of the LORD: into which the righteous shall enter.

I will praise thee, for thou hast heard me: and art become my salvation.

The stone which the builders refused: is become the head stone of the corner.

This is the LORD's doing: it is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day which the LORD hath made: we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Save now, I beseech thee, O LORD: O LORD, I beseech thee, send now prosperity.

Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the LORD: we have blessed you out of the house of the LORD.

God is the LORD, which hath shewed us light: bind the sacrifice with cords, even unto the horns of the altar.

Thou art my God, and I will praise thee: thou art my God, I will exalt thee.

O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Psalm cxix. *Beati immaculati.*

BLESSED are the undefiled in the way: who walk in the law of the LORD.

Blessed are they that keep his testimonies: and that seek him with the whole heart.

They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways.

Thou hast commanded us: to keep thy precepts diligently.

O that my ways were directed: to keep thy statutes!

Then shall I not be ashamed: when I have respect unto all thy commandments.

I will praise thee with uprightness of heart: when I shall have learned thy righteous judgments.

I will keep thy statutes: O forsake me not utterly.

II. *In quo corrigit?*

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way: by taking heed thereto according to thy word.

With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments.

Thy word have I hid in mine heart: that I might not sin against thee.

Blessed art thou, O LORD: teach me thy statutes.

With my lips have I declared: all the judgments of thy mouth.

I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies: as much as in all riches.

I will meditate in thy precepts: and have respect unto thy ways.

I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.

III. *Retribue servo tuo.*

Deal bountifully with thy servant: that I may live, and keep thy word.

Open thou mine eyes: that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.

I am a stranger in the earth: hide not thy commandments from me.

My soul breaketh: for the longing: that it hath unto thy judgments at all times.

Thou hast rebuked the proud that are cursed: which do err from thy commandments.

Remove from me reproach and contempt: for I have kept thy testimonies.

Princes also did sit and speak against me: but thy servant did meditate in thy statutes.

Thy testimonies also are my delight: and my counsellors.

IV. *Adhæsit pavimento.*

My soul cleaveth unto the dust: quicken thou me according to thy word.

I have declared my ways, and thou heardest me: teach me thy statutes.

Make me to understand the way of thy precepts: so shall I talk of thy wondrous works.

My soul melteth for heaviness: strengthen thou me according unto thy word.

Remove from me the way of lying: and grant me thy law graciously.

I have chosen the way of truth: thy judgments have I laid before me.

I have stuck unto thy testimonies: O LORD, put me not to shame.

I will run the way of thy commandments: when thou shalt enlarge my heart.

V. *Legem pone.*

Teach me, O LORD, the way of thy statutes: and I shall keep it unto the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law: yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.

Make me to go in the path of thy commandments: for therein do I delight.

Incline my heart unto thy testimonies: and not to covetousness.

Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity: and quicken thou me in thy way.

Stablish thy word unto thy servant: who is devoted to thy fear.

Turn away my reproach which I fear: for thy judgments are good.

Behold, I have longed after thy precepts: quicken me in thy righteousness.

VI. *Et veniat super me.*

Let thy mercies come also unto me, O LORD: even thy salvation, according to thy word.

So shall I have wherewith to answer him that reproacheth me: for I trust in thy word.

And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth: for I have hoped in thy judgments.

So shall I keep thy law continually: for ever and ever.

And I will walk at liberty: for I seek thy precepts.

I will speak of thy testimonies also before kings: and will not be ashamed.

And I will delight myself in thy commandments: which I have loved.

My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved: and I will meditate in thy statutes.

VII. *Memor esto verbi tui.*

Remember the word unto thy servant: upon which thou hast caused me to hope.

This is my comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickened me.

The proud have had me greatly in derision: yet have I not declined from thy law.

I remembered thy judgments of old, O LORD: and have comforted myself.

Horror hath taken hold upon me: because of the wicked that forsake thy law.

Thy statutes have been my songs: in the house of my pilgrimage.

I have remembered thy name, O LORD, in the night: and have kept thy law.

This I had: because I kept thy precepts.

VIII. *Portio mea, Domine.*

Thou art my portion, O LORD: I have said that I would keep thy words.

I entreated thy favour with my whole heart: be merciful unto me according to thy word.

I thought on my ways: and turned my feet unto thy testimonies.

I made haste: and delayed not to keep thy commandments.

The bands of the wicked have robbed me: but I have not forgotten thy law.

At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee: because of thy righteous judgments.

I am a companion of all them that fear thee: and of them that keep thy precepts.

The earth, O LORD, is full of thy mercy: teach me thy statutes.

IX. *Bonitatem fecisti.*

Thou hast dealt well with thy servant: O LORD, according unto thy word.

Teach me good judgment and knowledge: for I have believed thy commandments.

Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word.

Thou art good, and doest good: teach me thy statutes.

The proud have forged a lie against me: but I will keep thy precepts with my whole heart.

Their heart is as fat as grease: but I delight in thy law.

It is good for me that I have been afflicted: that I might learn thy statutes.

The law of thy mouth is better unto me: than thousands of gold and silver.

X. *Manus tuæ fecerunt me.*

Thy hands have made me and fashioned me: give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.

They that fear thee will be glad when they see me: because I have hoped in thy word.

I know, O LORD, that thy judgments are right: and that thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me.

Let, I pray thee, thy merciful kindness be for my comfort: according to thy word unto thy servant.

Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live: for thy law is my delight.

Let the proud be ashamed; for they dealt perversely with me without a cause: but I will meditate in thy precepts.

Let those that fear thee turn unto me: and those that have known thy testimonies.

Let my heart be sound in thy statutes: that I be not ashamed.

XI. *Defecit anima mea.*

My soul fainteth for thy salvation: but I hope in thy word.

Mine eyes fail for thy word: saying, When wilt thou comfort me?

For I am become like a bottle in the smoke: yet do I not forget thy statutes.

How many are the days of thy servant: when wilt thou execute judgment on them that persecute me?

The proud have digged pits for me: which are not after thy law.

All thy commandments are faithful: they persecute me wrongfully; help thou me.

They had almost consumed me upon earth: but I forsook not thy precepts.

Quicken me after thy lovingkindness: so shall I keep the testimony of thy mouth.

XII. *In æternum, Domine.*

For ever, O LORD: thy word is settled in heaven.

Thy faithfulness is unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it abideth.

They continue this day according to thine ordinances: for all are thy servants.

Unless thy law had been my delights: I should then have perished in mine affliction.

I will never forget thy precepts: for with them thou hast quickened me.

I am thine, save me: for I have sought thy precepts.

The wicked have waited for me to destroy me: but I will consider thy testimonies.

I have seen an end of all perfection: but thy commandment is exceeding broad.

XIII. *Quomodo dilexi.*

O how love I thy law: it is my meditation all the day.

Thou through thy commandments hast made

me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me.

I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation.

I understand more than the ancients: because I keep thy precepts.

I have refrained my feet from every evil way: that I might keep thy word.

I have not departed from thy judgments: for thou hast taught me.

How sweet are thy words unto my taste: yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth.

Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.

XIV. *Lucerna pedibus meis.*

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet: and a light unto my path.

I have sworn, and I will perform it: that I will keep thy righteous judgments.

I am afflicted very much: quicken me, O LORD, according unto thy word.

Accept, I beseech thee, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O LORD: and teach me thy judgments.

My soul is continually in my hand: yet do I not forget thy law.

The wicked have laid a snare for me: yet I erred not from thy precepts.

Thy testimonies have I taken as a heritage for ever: for they are the rejoicing of my heart.

I have inclined mine heart to perform thy statutes always: even unto the end.

XV. *Iniquos odio habui.*

I hate vain thoughts: but thy law do I love.

Thou art my hiding place and my shield: I hope in thy word.

Depart from me, ye evil doers: for I will keep the commandments of my God.

Uphold me according unto thy word; that I may live: and let me not be ashamed of my hope.

Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe: and I will have respect unto thy statutes continually.

Thou hast trodden down all them that err from thy statutes: for their deceit is falsehood.

Thou puttest away all the wicked of the earth like dross: therefore I love thy testimonies.

My flesh trembleth for fear of thee: and I am afraid of thy judgments.

XVI. *Feci judicium.*

I have done judgment and justice: leave me not to mine oppressors.

Be surety for thy servant for good: let not the proud oppress me.

Mine eyes fail for thy salvation: and for the word of thy righteousness.

Deal with thy servant according unto thy mercy: and teach me thy statutes.

I am thy servant; give me understanding: that I may know thy testimonies.

It is time for thee, LORD, to work: for they have made void thy law.

Therefore I love thy commandments above gold: yea, above fine gold.

Therefore I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right: and I hate every false way.

XVII. *Mirabilia.*

Thy testimonies are wonderful: therefore doth my soul keep them.

The entrance of thy words giveth light: it giveth understanding unto the simple.

I opened my mouth, and panted: for I longed for thy commandments.

Look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me: as thou usest to do unto those that love thy name.

Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.

Deliver me from the oppression of man: so will I keep thy precepts.

Make thy face to shine upon thy servant: and teach me thy statutes.

Rivers of waters run down mine eyes: because they keep not thy law.

XVIII. *Justus es, Domine.*

Righteous art thou, O LORD: and upright are thy judgments.

Thy testimonies that thou hast commanded: are righteous and very faithful.

My zeal hath consumed me: because mine enemies have forgotten thy words.

Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it.

I am small and despised: yet do I not forget thy precepts.

Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness: and thy law is the truth.

Trouble and anguish have taken hold on me: yet thy commandments are my delights.

The righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting: give me understanding, and I shall live.

XIX. *Clamavi in toto corde meo.*

I cried with my whole heart: hear me, O LORD; I will keep thy statutes.

I cried unto thee: save me, and I shall keep thy testimonies.

I prevented the dawning of the morning, and cried: I hoped in thy word.

Mine eyes prevent the night watches: that I might meditate in thy word.

Hear my voice according unto thy loving-kindness: O LORD, quicken me according to thy judgment.

They draw nigh that follow after mischief: they are far from thy law.

Thou art near, O LORD: and all thy commandments are truth.

Concerning thy testimonies, I have known of old: that thou hast founded them for ever.

XX. *Vide humilitatem.*

Consider mine affliction, and deliver me: for I do not forget thy law.

Plead my cause, and deliver me: quicken me according to thy word.

Salvation is far from the wicked: for they seek not thy statutes.

Great are thy tender mercies, O LORD: quicken me according to thy judgments.

Many are my persecutors and mine enemies: yet do I not decline from thy testimonies.

I beheld the transgressors, and was grieved: because they kept not thy word.

Consider how I love thy precepts: quicken me, O LORD, according to thy lovingkindness.

Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.

XXI. *Principes persecuti sunt.*

Princes have persecuted me without a cause: but my heart standeth in awe of thy word.

I rejoice at thy word: as one that findeth great spoil.

I hate and abhor lying: but thy law do I love.

Seven times a day do I praise thee: because of thy righteous judgments.

Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.

LORD, I have hoped for thy salvation: and done thy commandments.

My soul hath kept thy testimonies: and I love them exceedingly.

I have kept thy precepts and thy testimonies: for all my ways are before thee.

XXII. *Appropinquet deprecatio.*

Let my cry come near before thee, O LORD: give me understanding according to thy word.

Let my supplication come before thee: deliver me according to thy word.

My lips shall utter praise: when thou hast taught me thy statutes.

My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy commandments are righteousness.

Let thine hand help me: for I have chosen thy precepts.

I have longed for thy salvation, O LORD: and thy law is my delight.

Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee: and let thy judgments help me.

I have gone astray like a lost sheep: seek thy servant; for I do not forget thy commandments.

Psalm cxxi. *Levavi oculos.*

I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills: from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh from the LORD: which made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel: shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD is thy keeper: the LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day: nor the moon by night.

The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.

The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in: from this time forth, and even for evermore.

Psalm cxxii. *Lætatus sum.*

I WAS glad when they said unto me: Let us go into the house of the LORD.

Our feet shall stand within thy gates: O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is builded: as a city that is compact together.

Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD: unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the LORD.

For there are set thrones of judgment: the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls: and prosperity within thy palaces.

For my brethren and companions' sakes: I will now say, Peace be within thee.

Because of the house of the LORD our God: I will seek thy good.

Psalm cxxiv. *Nisi quia Dominus.*

IF it had not been the LORD who was on our side: now may Israel say;

If it had not been the LORD who was on our side: when men rose up against us;

Then they had swallowed us up quick: when their wrath was kindled against us.

Then the waters had overwhelmed us: the stream had gone over our soul.

Then the proud waters: had gone over our soul.

Blessed be the LORD: who hath not given us as a prey to their teeth.

Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers: the snare is broken, and we are escaped.

Our help is in the name of the LORD: who made heaven and earth.

Psalm cxxv. *Qui confidunt.*

THEY that trust in the LORD shall be as mount Zion: which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever.

As the mountains are round about Jerusalem: so the LORD is round about his people from henceforth even for ever.

For the rod of the wicked shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous: lest the righteous put forth their hands unto iniquity.

Do good, O LORD, unto those that be good: and to them that are upright in their hearts.

As for such as turn aside unto their crooked ways: the LORD shall lead them forth with the workers of iniquity; but peace shall be upon Israel.

Psalm cxxvi. *In convertendo.*

WHEN the LORD turned again the captivity of Zion: we were like them that dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter: and our tongue with singing.

Then said they among the heathen: The LORD hath done great things for them.

The LORD hath done great things for us: whereof we are glad.

Turn again our captivity, O LORD: as the streams in the south.

They that sow in tears: shall reap in joy.

He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed: shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

Psalm cxxx. *De profundis.*

OUT of the depths: have I cried unto thee, O LORD.

Lord, hear my voice: let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

If thou, LORD, shouldest mark iniquities: O Lord, who shall stand?

But there is forgiveness with thee: that thou mayest be feared.

I wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait: and in his word do I hope.

My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning: I say, more than they that watch for the morning.

Let Israel hope in the LORD, for with the LORD there is mercy: and with him is plenteous redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel: from all his iniquities.

Psalm cxxxii. *Memento, Domine.*

LORD, remember David: and all his afflictions;

How he sware unto the LORD: and vowed unto the mighty God of Jacob;

Surely I will not come into the tabernacle of my house: nor go up into my bed;

I will not give sleep to mine eyes: or slumber to mine eyelids,

Until I find out a place for the LORD: a habitation for the mighty God of Jacob.

Lo, we heard of it at Ephratah: we found it in the fields of the wood.

We will go into his tabernacles: we will worship at his footstool.

Arise, O LORD, into thy rest: thou, and the ark of thy strength.

Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness: and let thy saints shout for joy.

For thy servant David's sake: turn not away the face of thine anointed.

The LORD hath sworn in truth unto David: he will not turn from it;

Of the fruit of thy body: will I set upon thy throne.

If thy children will keep my covenant and my testimony that I shall teach them: their children shall also sit upon thy throne for evermore.

For the LORD hath chosen Zion: he hath desired it for his habitation.

This is my rest for ever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it.

I will abundantly bless her provision: I will satisfy her poor with bread.

I will also clothe her priests with salvation: and her saints shall shout aloud for joy.

There will I make the horn of David to bud:
I have ordained a lamp for mine anointed.

His enemies will I clothe with shame: but
upon himself shall his crown flourish.

Psalm cxxxvi. *Confitemini.*

O GIVE thanks unto the LORD; for he is
good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

O give thanks unto the God of gods: for his
mercy endureth fer ever.

O give thanks to the Lord of lords: for his
mercy endureth for ever.

To him who alone doeth great wonders: for
his mercy endureth for ever.

To him that by wisdom made the heavens:
for his mercy endureth for ever.

To him that stretched out the earth above the
waters: for his mercy endureth for ever.

To him that made great lights: for his mercy
endureth for ever;

The sun to rule by day: for his mercy endur-
eth for ever;

The moon and stars to rule by night: for his
mercy endureth for ever.

To him that smote Egypt in their firstborn:
for his mercy endureth for ever;

And brought out Israel from among them: for
his mercy endureth for ever;

With a strong hand, and with a stretched-out
arm: for his mercy endureth for ever.

To him which divided the Red sea into parts:
for his mercy endureth for ever;

And made Israel to pass through the midst of
it: for his mercy endureth for ever;

But overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the
Red sea: for his mercy endureth for ever.

To him which led his people through the wilderness: for his mercy endureth for ever.

To him which smote great kings: for his mercy endureth for ever;

And slew famous kings: for his mercy endureth for ever;

Sihon king of the Amorites: for his mercy endureth for ever;

And Og the king of Bashan: for his mercy endureth for ever;

And gave their land for a heritage: for his mercy endureth for ever;

Even a heritage unto Israel his servant: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Who remembered us in our low estate: for his mercy endureth for ever;

And hath redeemed us from our enemies: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Who giveth food to all flesh: for his mercy endureth for ever.

O give thanks unto the God of heaven: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Psalm cxxxviii. *Confitebor tibi.*

I WILL praise thee with my whole heart: before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.

I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy loving-kindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.

In the day when I cried thou answeredst me: and strengthenedst me with strength in my soul.

All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O LORD: when they hear the words of thy mouth.

Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the LORD: for great is the glory of the LORD.

Though the LORD be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly: but the proud he knoweth afar off.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me: thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.

The LORD will perfect that which concerneth me: thy mercy, O LORD, endureth for ever; forsake not the works of thine own hands.

Psalm cxxxix. *Domine, probasti.*

O LORD, thou hast searched me; and known me: thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising; thou understandest my thought afar off.

Thou compassedst my path and my lying down: and art acquainted with all my ways.

For there is not a word in my tongue: but, lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether.

Thou hast beset me behind and before: and laid thine hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me: it is high, I cannot attain unto it.

Whither shall I go from thy Spirit: or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.

If I take the wings of the morning: and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

Even there shall thy hand lead me: and thy right hand shall hold me.

If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me: even the night shall be light about me.

Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee.

For Thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.

I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret: and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect: and in thy book all my members were written.

Which in continuance were fashioned: when as yet there was none of them.

How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God: how great is the sum of them!

If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.

Surely thou wilt slay the wicked, O God: depart from me therefore, ye bloody men.

For they speak against thee wickedly: and thine enemies take thy name in vain.

Do not I hate them, O LORD, that hate thee: and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee?

I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies.

Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts;

And see if there be any wicked way in me: and lead me in the way everlasting.

Psalm cxliii. *Domine, exaudi.*

HEAR my prayer, O LORD, give ear to my supplications: in thy faithfulness answer me, and in thy righteousness.

And enter not into judgment with thy servant: for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground: he hath made me to dwell in darkness, as those that have been long dead.

Therefore is my spirit overwhelmed within me: my heart within me is desolate.

I remember the days of old; I meditate on all thy works: I muse on the work of thy hands.

I stretch forth my hands unto thee: my soul thirsteth after thee, as a thirsty land.

Hear me speedily, O LORD; my spirit faileth: hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

Cause me to hear thy loving-kindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee.

Deliver me, O LORD, from mine enemies: I flee unto thee to hide me.

Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: thy Spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness.

Quicken me, O LORD, for thy name's sake: for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

And of thy mercy cut off mine enemies: and destroy all them that afflict my soul; for I am thy servant.

Psalm cxlv. *Exaltabo te, Deus.*

I WILL extol thee, my God, O King: and I will bless thy name for ever and ever.

Every day will I bless thee: and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised and his greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall praise thy works to another: and shall declare thy mighty acts.

I will speak of the glorious honour of thy majesty: and of thy wondrous works.

And men shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts: and I will declare thy greatness.

They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness: and shall sing of thy righteousness.

The LORD is gracious, and full of compassion: slow to anger, and of great mercy.

The LORD is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works.

All thy works shall praise thee, O LORD: and thy saints shall bless thee.

They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom: and talk of thy power;

To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts: and the glorious majesty of his kingdom.

Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom: and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.

The LORD upholdeth all that fall: and raiseth up all those that be bowed down.

The eyes of all wait upon thee: and thou givest them their meat in due season.

Thou openest thine hand: and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

The LORD is righteous in all his ways: and holy in all his works.

The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him: to all that call upon him in truth.

He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them.

The LORD preserveth all them that love him: but all the wicked will he destroy.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD:

and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

Psalm cxlvi. *Lauda, anima mea.*

PRAISE ye the LORD: Praise the LORD, O my soul.

While I live will I praise the LORD: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.

Put not your trust in princes: nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help.

His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth: in that very day his thoughts perish.

Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help: whose hope is in the LORD his God;

Which made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that therein is: which keepeth truth for ever;

Which executeth judgment for the oppressed: which giveth food to the hungry.

The LORD looseth the prisoners: the LORD openeth the eyes of the blind.

The LORD raiseth them that are bowed down: the LORD loveth the righteous.

The LORD preserveth the strangers; he relieveth the fatherless and widow: but the way of the wicked he turneth upside down.

The LORD shall reign for ever, even thy God, O Zion, unto all generations: Praise ye the LORD.

Psalm cxlvii. *Laudate Dominum.*

PRAISE ye the LORD, for it is good to sing praises unto our God: for it is pleasant; and praise is comely.

The LORD doth build up Jerusalem: he gathereth together the outcasts of Israel.

He healeth the broken in heart: and bindeth up their wounds.

He telleth the number of the stars: he calleth them all by their names.

Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite.

The LORD lifteth up the meek: he casteth the wicked down to the ground.

Sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving: sing praise upon the harp unto our God;

Who covereth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth: who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.

He giveth to the beast his food: and to the young ravens which cry.

He delighteth not in the strength of the horse: he taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man.

The LORD taketh pleasure in them that fear him: in those that hope in his mercy.

Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem: praise thy God, O Zion.

For he hath strengthened the bars of thy gates: he hath blessed thy children within thee.

He maketh peace in thy borders: and filleth thee with the finest of the wheat.

He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth: his word runneth very swiftly.

He giveth snow like wool: he scattereth the hoar frost like ashes.

He casteth forth his ice like morsels: who can stand before his cold?

He sendeth out his word, and melteth them: he causeth his wind to blow, and the waters flow.

He sheweth his word unto Jacob: his statutes and his judgments unto Israel.

He hath not dealt so with any nation: and as

for his judgments, they have not known them.
Praise ye the LORD.

Psalm cxlviii. *Laudate Dominum.*

PRAISE ye the LORD. Praise ye the LORD
from the heavens: praise him in the
heights.

Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him,
all his hosts.

Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all
ye stars of light.

Praise him, ye heavens of heavens: and ye
waters that be above the heavens.

Let them praise the name of the LORD: for he
commanded, and they were created.

He hath also stablished them for ever and
ever: he hath made a decree which shall not
pass.

Praise the LORD from the earth: ye dragons,
and all deeps;

Fire, and hail; snow, and vapour: stormy
wind fulfilling his word;

Mountains, and all hills: fruitful trees, and all
cedars;

Beasts, and all cattle: creeping things, and
flying fowl;

Kings of the earth, and all people: princes,
and all judges of the earth;

Both young men, and maidens: old men, and
children;

Let them praise the name of the LORD: for
his name alone is excellent; his glory is above
the earth and heaven.

He also exalteth the horn of his people, the
praise of all his saints: even of the children of
Israel, a people near unto him. Praise ye the
LORD.

Psalm cl. *Laudate Dominum.*

PRAISE ye the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power.

Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.

Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp.

Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs.

Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals.

Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD: Praise ye the LORD.

THE HISTORY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD.

I.

THEN gathered the chief priests and the Pharisees a council, and said, What do we? for this man doeth many miracles. If we let him thus alone, all men will believe on him; and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation. And one of them, named Caiaphas, being the high priest that same year, said unto them, Ye know nothing at all, nor consider that it is expedient for us that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not. And this spake he not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation; and not for that nation only, but that also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad. Then from that day forth they took counsel together for to put him to death.¹ And Jesus going up to Jerusalem took the twelve disciples apart in the way, and said unto them,² Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of man shall be accomplished. For he shall be delivered unto the Gentiles, and shall be mocked, and spitefully entreated, and spitted on: and they shall scourge him, and put him to death; and the third day he shall rise again. And they understood none of these things: and this saying was hid from them, neither knew they the things which were spoken.³

Then Jesus six days before the passover came to Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, where Lazarus was which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead.⁴ There they made him a supper; and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him.⁵ And as he sat at meat, there came a woman having an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard very precious; and she brake the box and poured it on his head.⁶ And anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was

¹ John ii. 47-53.

² Matt. xx. 17.

³ Luke xviii. 31-34.

⁴ Matt. xxvi. 6.

⁵ John xii. 1, 2.

⁶ Mark xiv. 3.

filled with the odour of the ointment. Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, which should betray him, Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor? This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein.¹ And Jesus said, Let her alone; why trouble ye her? she hath wrought a good work on me. For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good; but me ye have not always. She hath done what she could: she is come aforehand to anoint my body to the burying. Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her.²

On the next day³ when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples, saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me. And if any man say aught unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them. All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass. And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them, and brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon.⁴ The people therefore that was with him when he called Lazarus out of his grave, and raised him from the dead, bare record.⁵ And many spread their garments in the way; and others cut down branches off the trees, and strewed them in the way.⁶ And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.⁷

And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto him, Master, rebuke thy disciples. And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out. And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it, saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in

¹ John xii. 3-6.

² Mark xiv. 6-9.

³ John xii. 12.

⁴ Matt. xxi. 1-7.

⁵ John xii. 17.

⁶ Mark xi. 8.

⁷ Matt. xxi. 9.

this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes. For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, and shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another: because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.¹

And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this? And the multitude said, This is Jesus, the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee. And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the money-changers, and the seats of them that sold doves. And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.² And it came to pass, that as he taught the people in the temple, and preached the gospel, the chief priests and the scribes came upon him with the elders, and spake unto him, saying, Tell us, by what authority doest thou these things? or who is he that gave thee this authority?³ And Jesus answered and said unto them, I will also ask of you one question, and answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things.⁴ The baptism of John, was it from heaven, or of men? And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say, Why then believed ye him not? But and if we say, Of men; all the people will stone us; for they be persuaded that John was a prophet.⁵ And they answered Jesus, and said, We cannot tell. And he said unto them, Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things.⁶ There was a certain householder, which planted a vineyard, and hedged it roundabout, and digged a wine-press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country. And when the time of the fruit drew near, he sent his servant to the husbandmen,⁷ that they should give him of the fruit of the vineyard: but the husbandmen beat him, and sent him away empty.⁸ And again he sent unto them another servant; and at him they cast stones, and wounded him in the head, and sent him away shamefully handled. And again he sent another; and

¹ Luke xix. 39-44.

² Matt. xxi. 10-13.

³ Luke xx. 1, 2.

⁴ Mark xi. 29.

⁵ Luke xx. 4-6.

⁶ Matt. xxi. 27.

⁷ Matt. xxi. 33, 34.

⁸ Luke xx. 10.

him they killed, and many others ; beating some, and killing some. Having yet therefore one son, his well beloved, he sent him also last unto them, saying, They will reverence my son.¹ But when the husbandmen saw him, they reasoned among themselves, saying, This is the heir : come, let us kill him, that the inheritance may be ours. So they cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What therefore shall the Lord of the vineyard do unto those husbandmen?² They say unto him, He will miserably destroy those wicked men, and will let out his vineyard unto other husbandmen, which shall render him the fruits in their seasons. Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the Scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner : this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes? Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof. And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken : but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.³ O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not ! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.⁴ And when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard his parables, they perceived that he spake of them. But when they sought to lay hands on him, they feared the multitude, because they took him for a prophet;⁵ and they left him, and went their way.⁶

II.

THEN came the day of unleavened bread, when the passover must be killed. And he sent Peter and John, saying, Go and prepare us the passover, that we may eat. And they said unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare? And he said unto them, Behold, when ye are entered into the city, there shall a man meet you, bearing a pitcher of water ; follow him into the house where he entereth in. And ye shall say unto the goodman of the house, The Master saith unto thee,⁷ My time is at hand ; I

¹ Mark xii. 4-6.

² Luke xx. 14, 15.

³ Matt. xxi. 40-44.

⁴ Matt. xxiii. 37-39.

⁵ Matt. xxi. 45, 46.

⁶ Mark xii. 12.

⁷ Luke xxii. 7-11.

will keep the passover at thy house with my disciples.¹ And he shall show you a large upper room furnished : there make ready.² And his disciples went forth, and came into the city, and found as he had said unto them : and they made ready the passover.³

And in the evening he sat down with the twelve.⁴ And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer : For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God. And he took the cup and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves : For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine,⁵ until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.⁶

And there was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest. And he said unto them, The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them ; and they that exercise authority upon them are called benefactors. But ye shall not be so : but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger ; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve. For whether is greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth ? is not he that sitteth at meat ? but I am among you as he that serveth. Ye are they which have continued with me in my temptations. And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me ; that ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.⁷

And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him ; Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God ; he riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments ; and took a towel, and girded himself. After that he poureth water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded. Then cometh he to Simon Peter : and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet ? Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now ; but thou shalt know hereafter. Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not,

¹ Matt. xxvi. 18.

² Luke xxii. 12.

³ Mark xiv. 16, 17.

⁴ Matt. xxvi. 20.

⁵ Luke xxii. 15-18

⁶ Matt. xxvi. 29.

⁷ Luke xxii. 24-30.

thou hast no part with me. Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head. Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean but not all. For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean. So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you? Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him. If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.¹

When Jesus had thus said, he was troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me. Then the disciples looked one on another, doubting of whom he spake.² Then Judas, which betrayed him, answered and said, Master, is it I? He said unto him, Thou hast said.³ Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved. Simon Peter therefore beckoned to him, that he should ask who it should be of whom he spake. He then lying on Jesus' breast saith unto him, Lord, who is it? Jesus answered, He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it. And when he had dipped the sop, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon. And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly. Now no man at the table knew for what intent he spake this unto him. For some of them thought, because Judas had the bag, that Jesus had said unto him, Buy those things that we have need of against the feast; or, that he should give something to the poor. He then, having received the sop, went immediately out; and it was night.⁴ And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren. And he said unto him, Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both into prison, and to death. And he said, I tell thee, Peter,

¹ John xiii. 2-17.

² John xiii. 21. 22.

³ Matt. xxvi. 25.

⁴ John xiii. 23-30.

the cock shall not crow this day, before that thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me.¹

And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave to² the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body,³ which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.⁴ After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped,⁵ and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it.⁶ This cup is the New Testament in my blood,⁷ which is shed for you⁸ and for many for the remission of sins:⁹ this do ye, as oft as you drink it, in remembrance of me;¹⁰ and they all drank of it.¹¹ And when they had sung a hymn they went out into the mount of Olives.¹²

III.

AND Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: as thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self, with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me. I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.

¹ Luke xxii. 31-34.

² Mark xiv. 22.

³ Matt. xxvi. 26.

⁴ Luke xxii. 19.

⁵ 1 Cor. xi. 25.

⁶ Matt. xxvi. 27.

⁷ 1 Cor. xi. 25.

⁸ Luke xxii. 30.

⁹ Matt. xxvi. 28.

¹⁰ 1 Cor. xi. 25.

¹¹ Mark xiv. 23.

¹² Mark xiv. 26.

While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the Scripture might be fulfilled. And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me. And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it; that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.¹

When Jesus had spoken these words, he went forth with his disciples over the brook Cedron, where was a garden,² which was named Gethsemane:³ into which he entered,⁴ and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder. And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy. Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me.⁵ And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed.⁶ And he went a little further,

¹ John xvii.

² John xviii. 1.

³ Mark xiv. 32.

⁴ John xviii. 1.

⁵ Matt. xxvi. 36-38.

⁶ Luke xxii. 41.

and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt. And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done. And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy,¹ neither wist they what to answer him.² And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words,³ Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless, not my will, but thine, be done. And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him. And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground. And when he rose up from prayer, and was come to his disciples, he found them sleeping for sorrow, and said unto them, Why sleep ye? rise and pray, lest ye enter into temptation.⁴ Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that doth betray me.

And while he yet spake, lo, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people. Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he; hold him fast.⁵ Jesus therefore, knowing all things that should come upon him, went forth, and said unto them, Whom seek ye? They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus said unto them, I am he. And Judas also, which betrayed him, stood with them. As soon as he had said unto them, I am he, they went backward, and fell to the ground. Then asked he them again, Whom seek ye? And they said, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus answered, I have told you that I am he: if therefore ye seek me, let these go their way: that the saying might be fulfilled, which he spake, Of them which thou gavest me have I lost none.⁶ And forthwith Judas came to Jesus, and said, Hail, Master; and kissed him.⁷ But Jesus said unto him,

¹ Matt. xxvi. 39-43.

² Mark xiv 40.

³ Matt. xxvi. 44.

⁴ Luke xxii. 42-46.

⁵ Matt. xxvi. 45-48.

⁶ John xviii. 4-9.

⁷ Matt. xxvi. 49.

Judas, betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss? When they which were about him saw what would follow, they said unto him, Lord, shall we smite with the sword? And one of them smote the servant of the high priest, and cut off his right ear.¹ The servant's name was Malchus.² And Jesus answered and said, Suffer ye thus far. And he touched his ear, and healed him.³ Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword. Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then shall the Scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be? In that same hour said Jesus to the multitudes, Are ye come out as against a thief with swords and staves for to take me? I sat daily with you teaching in the temple, and ye laid no hold on me,⁴ but this is your hour, and the power of darkness.⁵ But all this was done, that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then all the disciples forsook him, and fled. And they that had laid hold on Jesus led him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. But Peter followed him afar off unto the high priest's palace, and went in, and sat with the servants, to see the end.⁶

IV.

THEN the band and the captain and officers of the Jews took Jesus, and bound him, and led him away to Annas first; for he was father-in-law to Caiaphas, which was the high priest that same year. Now Caiaphas was he which gave counsel to the Jews, that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.⁷ The high priest then asked Jesus of his disciples, and of his doctrine. Jesus answered him, I spake openly to the world; I ever taught in the synagogue, and in the temple, whither the Jews always resort; and in secret have I said nothing. Why askest thou me? ask them which heard me, what I have said unto them: behold, they know what I said. And when he had thus spoken, one of the officers which stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, Answerest thou the high priest so? Jesus answered him, If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil: but if well, why smitest thou me?

¹ Luke xxii. 48-50.

² John xviii. 10.

³ Luke xxii. 51.

⁴ Matt. xxvi. 52-55.

⁵ Luke xxii. 53.

⁶ Matt. xxvi. 56-58.

⁷ John xviii. 12-14.

Now Annas had sent him bound unto Caiaphas the high priest,¹ where all the chief priests and the² scribes and the elders were assembled.³ Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false witness against Jesus, to put him to death; but found none.⁴ For many bare false witness against him, but their witness agreed not together.⁵ At the last came two false witnesses, and said, This fellow said, I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days.⁶ And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, saying, Answerest thou nothing? what is it which these witness against thee? But Jesus held his peace. Again the high priest asked him, and said unto him, Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?⁷ But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest answered, and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God. Jesus said unto him, Thou hast said: I am;⁸ nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven. Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, He hath spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of witnesses? behold, now ye have heard his blasphemy. What think ye? They answered and said, He is guilty of death. Then did they spit in his face, and buffeted him; and others smote him with the palms of their hands, saying, Prophecy unto us, Thou Christ: Who is he that smote thee?⁹

But Peter stood at the door without. Then went out that other disciple, which was known unto the high priest, and spake unto her that kept the door, and brought in Peter. Then saith the damsel that kept the door unto Peter, Art not thou also one of this man's disciples? He saith, I am not.¹⁰ But Peter went in, and sat with the servants to see the end.¹¹ And the servants and officers stood there, who had made a fire of coals, for it was cold; and they warmed themselves: and Peter stood with them, and warmed himself.¹² And a damsel came unto him, saying, Thou also wast with Jesus of Galilee.¹³ But he denied before them all,¹⁴ saying, I know not, neither understand I

¹ John xviii. 19-24.

² Mark xiv. 53.

³ Matt. xxvi. 57.

⁴ Matt. xxvi. 59, 60.

⁵ Mark xiv. 56

⁶ Matt. xxvi. 60, 61.

⁷ Mark xiv. 60, 61.

⁸ Mark xiv. 62.

⁹ Matt. xxvi. 63-68.

¹⁰ John xviii. 16, 17.

¹¹ Matt. xxvi. 58.

¹² John xviii. 18.

¹³ Matt. xxvi. 69.

¹⁴ Matt. xxvi. 70.

what thou sayest. And he went out into the porch; and the cock crew.¹ And about the space of one hour after another confidently affirmed, saying, Of a truth this fellow also was with him; for he is a Galilean.² One of the servants of the high priest, being his kinsman whose ear Peter cut off, saith, Did I not see thee in the garden with him?³ And after a while came unto him they that stood by, and said to Peter, Surely thou also art one of them; for thy speech bewrayeth thee. Then began he to curse and to swear, saying, I know not the man,⁴ of whom you speak.⁵ I know not what thou sayest. And immediately, while he yet spake, the cock crew.⁶ And Peter called to mind the word that Jesus said unto him, Before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice.⁷ And Peter went out, and wept bitterly.⁸

When the morning was come, the whole multitude of them arose,⁹ bound Jesus, and carried him away¹⁰ from Caiaphas unto the hall of judgment,¹¹ and delivered him to Pontius Pilate the governor.¹² And they themselves went not into the judgment hall, lest they should be defiled, but that they might eat the passover.¹³

Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that. And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself. And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood. And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in. Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value; and gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord appointed me.¹⁴

¹ Mark xiv. 68.

² Luke xxii. 59.

³ John xviii. 26.

⁴ Matt. xxvi. 73, 74.

⁵ Mark xiv. 71.

⁶ Luke xxii. 60.

⁷ Mark xiv. 72.

⁸ Luke xxii. 62.

⁹ Luke xxiii. 1.

¹⁰ Mark xv. 1.

¹¹ John xviii. 28.

¹² Matt. xxvii. 2.

¹³ John xviii. 28.

¹⁴ Matt. xxvii. 3-10.

V.

PILATE then went out unto them, and said, What accusation bring ye against this man? They answered and said unto him, If he were not a malefactor, we would not have delivered him up unto thee. Then said Pilate unto them, Take ye him, and judge him according to your law. The Jews therefore said unto him, It is not lawful for us to put any man to death: that the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled, which he spake, signifying what death he should die.¹

And they began to accuse him, saying, We found this fellow perverting the nation, and forbidding to give tribute to Cæsar, saying that he himself is Christ a king.² Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and called Jesus, and said unto him, Art thou the King of the Jews? Jesus answered him, Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of me? Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Thine own nation, and the chief priests, have delivered thee unto me. What hast thou done? Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence. Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice. Pilate saith unto him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, I find in him no fault at all.³

And when he was accused of the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing. Then said Pilate unto him, Hearest thou not how many things they witness against thee? And he answered him to never a word; insomuch that the governor marvelled greatly.⁴ And they were the more fierce, saying, He stirreth up the people, teaching throughout all Jewry, beginning from Galilee to this place.⁵ When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked whether the man were a Galilean. And as soon as he knew that he belonged unto Herod's jurisdiction he sent him to Herod, who himself also was at Jerusalem at that time. And when Herod saw Jesus he was

¹ John xviii. 29-32.

⁴ Matt. xxvii. 12-14.

² Luke xxiii. 2.

⁵ Luke xxiii. 5.

³ John xviii. 33-38.

exceeding glad: for he was desirous to see him of a long season, because he had heard many things of him; and he hoped to have seen some miracle done by him. Then he questioned with him in many words: but he answered him nothing. And the chief priests and scribes stood, and vehemently accused him. And Herod with his men of war set him at naught, and mocked him, and arrayed him in a gorgeous robe, and sent him again to Pilate. And the same day Pilate and Herod were made friends together: for before they were at enmity between themselves.

And Pilate, when he had called together the chief priests, and the rulers, and the people, said unto them, Ye have brought this man unto me, as one that perverteth the people: and, behold, I, having examined him before you, have found no fault in this man touching those things whereof ye accuse him; no, nor yet Herod: for I sent you to him; and, lo, nothing worthy of death is done unto him: I will therefore chastise him, and release him.¹ Now at that feast the governor was wont to release unto the people a prisoner, whom they would. And they had then a notable prisoner, called Barabbas,² that for sedition and murder was cast into prison, whom they had desired;³ and the multitude crying aloud began to desire him to do as he had ever done unto them. But Pilate answered them saying, Will ye that I release unto you the King of the Jews?⁴ Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, Whom will ye that I release unto you? Barabbas, or Jesus which is called Christ? For he knew that for envy the chief priests⁵ had delivered him.⁶ When he was set down on the judgment seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that just man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him.⁷ But the chief priests moved the people, that he should rather release Barabbas unto them. And Pilate answered and said again unto them, What will ye then that I should do unto him whom ye call the King of the Jews?⁸ But they cried, saying, Crucify him, crucify him. And he said unto them the third time, Why, what evil hath he done? I have found no cause of death in him: I will therefore chastise him, and let him go.⁹ And they cried out the more exceedingly,

¹ Luke xxiii. 6-16.

² Matt. xxvii. 15, 16.

³ Luke xxiii. 25.

⁴ Mark xv. 8, 9.

⁵ Mark xv. 10.

⁶ Matt. xxvii. 17, 18.

⁷ Matt. xxvii. 19.

⁸ Mark xv. 11, 12.

⁹ Luke xxiii. 21, 22.

Crucify him.¹ And they were instant with loud voices, requiring that he might be crucified: and the voices of them and of the chief priests prevailed.²

Then Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged him.³ Pilate therefore went forth again, and saith unto them, Behold, I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that I find no fault in him. Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pilate sayeth unto them, Behold the man. When the chief priests therefore and officers saw him, they cried out, saying, Crucify him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Take ye him, and crucify him: for I find no fault in him. The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God. When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he was the more afraid; and went again into the judgment hall, and saith unto Jesus, Whence art thou? But Jesus gave him no answer. Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee? Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin. And from thenceforth Pilate sought to release him: but the Jews cried out, saying, If thou let this man go, thou art not Cæsar's friend: whosoever maketh himself a king speaketh against Cæsar. When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha. And it was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour: and he said unto the Jews, Behold your King! But they cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Cæsar.⁴ When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person; see ye to it. Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us, and on our children. Then released he Barabbas unto them: and, when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.⁵

¹ Mark xv. 14.

² Luke xxiii. 23.

³ John xix. 1.

⁴ John xix. 3-15.

⁵ Matt. xxvi. 24-26.

VI.

THEN the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered unto him the whole band of soldiers. And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe. And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews! And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head. And after that they had mocked him they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify him.¹ And there were also two others, malefactors, led with him to be put to death.²

And he bearing his cross went forth:³ and as they came out they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name,⁴ coming out of the country, and on him they laid the cross, that he might bear it after Jesus. And there followed him a great company of people, and of women, which also bewailed and lamented him. But Jesus turning unto them said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children. For, behold, the days are coming, in the which they shall say, Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never gave suck. Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills, Cover us. For if they do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in the dry?⁵

And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha, that is to say, a place of a skull,⁶ they gave him to drink wine mingled with myrrh: but he received it not.⁷ Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.⁸ And it was the third hour, and they crucified him.⁹ And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross. And the writing was, JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. This title then read many of the Jews; for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city: and it was written in Hebrew, and Greek, and Latin. Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pilate Write not, The King of the Jews; but that he said, I am King of the Jews. Pilate answered, What I have written I have written.

¹ Matt. xxvii. 27-31.

² Luke xxiii. 32.

³ John xix. 17.

⁴ Matt. xxvii. 32.

⁵ Luke xxiii. 26-31.

⁶ Matt. xxvii. 33.

⁷ Mark xv. 23.

⁸ Luke xxiii. 34.

⁹ Mark xvi. 25.

Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also his coat: now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout. They said therefore among themselves, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be: that the Scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted my raiment among them, and for my vesture they did cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers did.¹ And sitting down they watched him there.² And the people stood beholding. And the rulers also with them derided him, saying, He saved others; let him save himself, if he be Christ the chosen of God.³

Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus, therefore, saw his mother, and the disciple standing by whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! and from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home.⁴

And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads,⁵ and saying, Ah thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross. Likewise also the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders, said, He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him. He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God. The thieves also, which were crucified with him, cast the same in his teeth.⁶ And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us. But the other answering, rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man has done nothing amiss. And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To-day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

And it was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the

¹ John xix. 19-24.

² Matt. xxvii. 36.

³ Luke xxiii. 35.

⁴ John xix. 25-27.

⁵ Matt. xxvii. 39.

⁶ Matt. xxvii. 40-44.

midst.¹ And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?² And some of them that stood by, when they heard it, said, Behold, he calleth Elias.³ After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst. Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar.⁴ And straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink. The rest said, Let be, let us see whether Elias will come to save him.⁵ When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and⁶ cried with a loud voice, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus,⁷ he bowed his head and gave up the ghost.⁸ And, behold, the vail of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, and came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many. Now when the centurion, and they that were with him watching Jesus, saw the earthquake and those things that were done,⁹ that he so cried out and gave up the ghost,¹⁰ he glorified God, saying, Certainly this was a righteous man.¹¹ Truly this man was the Son of God.¹² And all the people that came together to that sight, beholding the things which were done, smote their breasts and returned.¹³

VII.

AND all his acquaintance and the women that followed him from Galilee stood afar off, beholding these things.¹⁴ Among which was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the Less,¹⁵ and of Joses, and Salome the mother of Zebedee's children.¹⁶ Who also, when he was in Galilee, followed him, and ministered unto him; and many other women which came up with him unto Jerusalem.¹⁷ The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation,

¹ Luke xxiii. 39-45.

² Matt. xxvii. 46.

³ Mark xv. 35.

⁴ John xix. 28, 29.

⁵ Matt. xxvii. 48-49.

⁶ John xix. 30.

⁷ Luke xxiii. 46.

⁸ John xix. 30.

⁹ Matt. xxvii. 51-54.

¹⁰ Mark xv. 39.

¹¹ Luke xxiii. 47.

¹² Mark xv. 39.

¹³ Luke xxiii. 48.

¹⁴ Luke xxiii. 49.

¹⁵ Mark xv. 40.

¹⁶ Matt. xxvii. 56.

¹⁷ Mark xv. 41.

that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the Sabbath day (for that Sabbath day was a high day), besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first and of the other which was crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs: but one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water. And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true; and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe. For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken. And again another Scripture saith, They shall look upon him whom they pierced.¹ When the even was come, a rich man of Arimathea named Joseph,² an honourable counsellor, which also waited for the kingdom of God, a good man and a just: (the same had not consented to the counsel and the deed of them:)³ being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews,⁴ came and went in boldly unto Pilate, and craved the body of Jesus.⁵ And Pilate marvelled if he were already dead: and calling unto him the centurion, he asked him whether he had been any while dead. And when he knew it of the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph.

And Joseph bought fine linen,⁶ and took him down. And there came also Nicodemus (which at the first came to Jesus by night), and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pound weight. Then took they the body of Jesus, and wound it in linen clothes with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury. Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a new sepulchre,⁷ which he had hewn out in the rock:⁸ wherein never man before was laid.⁹ There laid they Jesus therefore, because of the Jews' preparation day; for the sepulchre was nigh at hand.¹⁰ And Joseph rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed.

And there was Mary Magdalene and the other Mary sitting over against the sepulchre.¹¹ And the women also which came with him from Galilee followed after, and beheld the sepulchre and how his body was laid. And they

¹ John xix. 31-37.

² Matt. xxvii. 57.

³ Luke xxiii. 50, 51.

⁴ John xix. 38.

⁵ Mark xv. 43.

⁶ Mark xv. 43-46.

⁷ John xix. 39-41.

⁸ Matt. xxvii. 60.

⁹ Luke xxiii. 53.

¹⁰ John xix. 42.

¹¹ Matt. xxvii. 60, 61.

returned and prepared spices and ointments, and rested the Sabbath day, according to the commandment.¹

Now the next day that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate, saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again. Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead : so the last error shall be worse than the first. Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch : go your way, make it as sure as ye can. So they went and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone and setting a watch.²

¹ Luke xxiii. 55, 56.

² Matt. xxvii. 62-66.

THE ORDERS FOR MINISTERIAL ACTS.



I.—The Order for Holy Baptism.

1. THE BAPTISM OF INFANTS.

¶ *Baptism should be administered in the Church, in the presence of the Congregation; it may, however, when peculiar circumstances demand it, be administered privately. The Minister shall enter the names of the Parents, of the Child, and of the Sponsors, with the date of its birth and Baptism, in the Church Record. At the Baptism the following order shall be observed: At the Morning Service, after the Creed, at the Evening Service, after the Lessons or Exhortation, the child shall be presented at the font, and the Minister shall say:*

Dearly beloved, forasmuch as all men are conceived and born in sin, and our Saviour Christ saith, Except a man be born again of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God, I beseech you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of His goodness and mercy, He would receive this child, by baptism, into the Church of the Redeemer, and make *him* a living member of the same. Remember that it is your bounden duty to see that *he* be taught, as soon as *he* shall be able to learn, what a solemn promise you have made in *his* name. And that *he* may know these things the better, you should admonish *him* to give due heed to the instruction given in the Church, and to all those things which a Christian ought to know and believe to his soul's salvation, that thus this child may be virtuously brought up to lead a godly and a Christian life; remembering always that Baptism doth represent to us our profession, which is, to follow the example of our Saviour Christ, and to be made like unto Him. For as many of us as have been baptized, have put on Christ, that like as He died for

us and rose again, so should we die daily unto sin and rise again unto righteousness.

Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we call upon Thee for this child, and beseech Thee to bestow upon *him* the gift of Thy baptism and Thine everlasting grace by the washing of regeneration. Receive *him*, O Lord, as Thou hast promised by Thy well-beloved Son, saying: Ask, and it shall be given you, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you. So give now to us who ask; let us who seek, find; open the gate to us who knock; that this child may enjoy the everlasting benediction of thy heavenly washing, and may come to the eternal kingdom which Thou hast promised by Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hear the words of the Gospel, written by St. Mark, in the tenth chapter, at the thirteenth verse:

They brought young children to Jesus, that He should touch them; and His disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And He took them up in His arms, put His hands upon them, and blessed them.

¶ *The Minister, laying his right hand on the head of the Child, shall say:*

Our Father, who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this

day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister say :*

The Lord preserve thy coming in and thy going out, from this time forth and even forevermore.

¶ *Then shall the Minister ask of the Child through its Parents or Sponsors :*

Dost thou renounce the devil, and all his works, and all his ways? Then answer, *Yes.*

Dost thou believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth?

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead?

Dost thou believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting? Then answer, *Yes.*

Wilt thou be baptized into this faith? Then answer, *Yes.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister ask of the Parents or Sponsors :*

Do you promise, by the help of God, to employ your utmost efforts, by precept, discipline and example, to bring up this child in the nurture

and admonition of the Lord, and to the love and practice of all that is good?

If so, answer, *Yes*.

¶ *He shall then turn to the font and say :*

Baptism is not simply water, but it is the water comprehended in God's command, and connected with God's word.

¶ *Then shall the Minister ask :*

What shall be the name of the child?

¶ *Then shall he baptize with a free application of water, saying :*

N., I baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen*.

Let us pray:

Gracious Father in heaven, we render Thee our hearty thanks, that Thou hast permitted us to present this child unto Thee, according to the ordinance of our blessed Saviour: that it has thus been introduced into Thy Church, and brought among the number of those to whom are the promises and the blessings of Thy covenant of grace. Grant, we humbly beseech Thee, that this child may die unto sin, and be made alive unto holiness; that it may be buried with Him by baptism into death; and that, as it has been planted in the likeness of His death, it may be also in the likeness of His resurrection, and in the end inherit, with us all, Thine everlasting kingdom, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. *Amen*.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say :*

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee. The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. *Amen*.

2.—THE BAPTISM OF ADULTS.

¶ *The Baptism of Adults shall, except in cases of sickness, always be administered in the Church, in the presence of the Congregation. The candidate having presented himself, the Minister, standing at the altar, shall say :*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Dearly beloved, we learn from the Word of God and from the experience of our own lives, that all men are conceived and born in sin, and that we must all assuredly perish, except our blessed Lord and Saviour, the Only-Begotten Son of God, deliver us from our sins and guilt. Inasmuch as this person, who now desires to be baptized, is of like sinful and depraved nature, and our Lord Jesus Christ has borne in His own body the sins of the whole world, and has redeemed and delivered us from death and from everlasting damnation; I beseech you to call upon God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of His goodness and mercy He will receive this person, truly repenting and coming unto Him by faith, into the kingdom of His grace, and bestow upon *him* everlasting life; confidently believing that He will accept your offering and intercession of love, and will assuredly hear our prayer.

Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the aid of all who need, the helper of all who flee to Thee for succour, the life of those who believe, and the resurrection of the dead; we call upon Thee for this person, who desires the gift of Thy Baptism, and Thine everlasting grace. Receive *him* O Lord, as Thou

hast promised by Thy well-beloved Son, saying: Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. So give now to *him* who asks; let *him* who seeks find; open the gate unto *him* who knocks, that *he* may enjoy the everlasting benediction of Thy heavenly washing, and may come to the eternal kingdom, which Thou hast promised by Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the minister say :*

Hear the words of our Lord: Matthew xxviii. 18-20.

All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things, whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.

In like manner He says (Mark xvi. 16.): He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

In accordance with this command of our Lord Jesus, this person has been instructed in the saving doctrines of the Gospel, and now desires, by Holy Baptism, to be incorporated into the Church of Christ. Forasmuch then as we do not doubt that it is right that his desire should be granted:

Let us pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver

us from evil ; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say to the person to be baptized :*

The Lord preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

¶ *The Minister shall then ask :*

Dost thou renounce the devil, and all his works, and all his ways ?

Then answer, *Yes.*

Dost thou believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth ? And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord ; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary ; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead and buried ; He descended into hell ; The third day he arose from the dead ; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty ; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead ?

Dost thou believe in the Holy Ghost ; the Holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints ; The Forgiveness of sins ; The Resurrection of the body ; And the Life everlasting ?

Then answer, *Yes.*

Wilt thou, with the aid of the Holy Spirit continue steadfast in this faith, and serve the Lord Jesus Christ by a godly life, even unto the end ?

Then answer, *I will, with the help of God.*

Dost thou sincerely desire to be baptized and to make thy covenant with God ?

Then answer, *Yes.*

¶ *The Minister shall then say :*

O Lord God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; Thou hearest the solemn vows of this Thy servant (*handmaid*). Receive *him* into the covenant of Thy grace, and let *him* have part in all the benefits secured to us through Jesus Christ our Lord.

¶ *The minister shall then turn to the font and say :*

Baptism is not simply water, but it is the water comprehended in God's command, and connected with God's word.

¶ *Then shall the person to be baptized kneel down, and the minister shall baptize him, saying :*

N., I baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

¶ *Then laying his hand upon his head, he shall say : ‘*

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen and keep thee by His grace unto life eternal. Peace be with thee. *Amen.*

Let us pray:

Almighty and most merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath taught us by His own conduct to fulfill all righteousness; we offer to Thee most hearty thanks that this Thy servant (*handmaid*) has now been engrafted into the body of Christ's Church, and been made a partaker of those heavenly blessings which we have received through our great Mediator. We do most humbly beseech Thee that Thou wouldst keep *him*, and all of us who have been baptized, in steadfast continuance in Thy grace, so that here on earth we may lead truly godly lives, according to Thy good pleasure, and to the praise

and glory of Thy holy name, and in the end may receive the promised inheritance in heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord, who ever liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *The person baptized now standing up, the minister shall give him the right hand of fellowship, and say :*

Upon the voluntary profession and promises which you have now made, I hereby acknowledge and declare you to be a member of this Christian congregation, and give you, in its name, the right hand of Christian fellowship and love, and authorize you to join with us in the celebration of the Lord's Supper, and to participate in all our spiritual privileges, so long as you remain faithful to your present profession and promises.

Go in peace.

II.—The Order of Confirmation.

¶ *Confirmation should take place in the Church, in the presence of the Congregation. Only when by reason of sickness, or other causes, this is impossible, can it be administered privately. A Hymn shall be sung, after which the candidates for Confirmation shall come to the altar. The Minister, standing at the altar, shall say :*

The Lord be with you.

Congregation. And with thy spirit.

M. Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish Thou the work of our hands upon us!

C. Yea, the work of our hands establish Thou it.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say :*

Dearly beloved in the Lord, you see here present those who in Holy Baptism were received by

our Lord Jesus Christ and made members of His holy Church. In accordance with our Lord's command, they have been instructed in the Word of God, and led to the knowledge of His will and of His gracious Gospel; and they now desire to be confirmed. It is their hearty wish to be admitted to the enjoyment of all those blessings which the Lord bestows upon His Church, and by partaking of His Holy Supper to be brought into the most intimate union with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. They desire publicly to confess their Christian faith, and for themselves to renew and ratify the promises made in Baptism. Let us therefore beseech Almighty God, our heavenly Father, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that He would confirm them, so strengthening them by the grace of His Holy Spirit that they may be kept in the true faith, and in purity and holiness of life, steadfast unto the end.

Let us pray:

O Lord God, most merciful Father, who dost receive us into Thy kingdom, and dost esteem our souls precious in Thy sight, we beseech Thee of Thy great goodness that Thou wouldst by Thy Holy Spirit so bless and govern these persons that they may make a good confession of Thy name; that they may ever live in the communion of Thy Church in true faith and obedience to Thy Gospel, and that they may continue steadfast in the covenant of Thy grace to the end, through Jesus Christ Thy dear Son our Lord.
Amen.

¶ *Then shall the minister ask:*

1. I ask you in the presence of the Omniscient God and of this Congregation:

Is it your sincere purpose now solemnly to ratify your baptismal covenant, and to renounce the dominion of the devil, of the world and of sin? Then answer, *Yes*.

2. Do you believe in the Triune God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and are you resolved to live in fellowship with Him, and to attain to the blessed liberty of the true followers of Christ?

Then answer, *Yes*.

3. Do you solemnly promise that you will supremely love and faithfully serve the Triune God, the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit, and that you will live, suffer and die, according to His will and word?

Then answer, *Yes*.

4. Will you remain faithful to the doctrines of our Lord Jesus, according to the Confession of our Evangelical Lutheran Church, and will you render a conscientious obedience thereto until death?

Then answer, *Yes*.

5. Do you promise, with the help of God, to observe all the duties of a regular member of this Christian Church, and submit yourself to its rules of government and discipline?

Then answer, *Yes*.

¶ *The candidates shall then kneel, and the minister, laying his right hand on the head of each, shall say one of the following sentences:*

Thou Shepherd and Bishop of souls! look in mercy upon this Thy servant (*handmaid*), and let *him* never be plucked out of Thy hand; keep *him* in Thy fold unto the end of *his* days, according to Thy gracious promise. Amen.

Or,

The Father of mercies and the God of all con-

solation grant you, for Christ's sake, His Holy Spirit, guidance and strength to do His holy will, patience and courage in time of suffering, and the blessed hope of everlasting life. Amen.

Or,

The God of all grace, who hath called you unto His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you, and keep you through faith unto life everlasting. Amen.

Or,

The very God of peace sanctify you wholly, that your whole spirit and soul and body may be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Or,

May Almighty God, the Father of mercies, ever multiply unto you His grace and peace. May He enable you, by His Holy Spirit, to become true followers of His Son; defend you in every time of danger; preserve you faithful unto the end; and bring you to the happiness of His heavenly kingdom. Amen.

Or,

Our heavenly Father increase and confirm within you, for Jesus Christ's sake, the gifts of His Holy Spirit; that so you may grow in faith and in the power of godliness, in patience under suffering, and in the blessed hope of everlasting life. Amen.

Or,

May God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, give unto you His Holy Spirit, to guide you into all truth, to defend you against all temptations, to strengthen you in every good work, and to bring you at last unto His eternal joy. Amen.

Or,

Our Lord Jesus Christ, and God, even our

Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, comfort and strengthen your heart to be faithful unto death, that you may receive the crown of life. Amen.

Or,

The God of peace make you perfect in every good work, to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Or,

Grace be unto you, that you may fight the good fight of faith, and lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses. Amen.

Or,

The love of Christ so constrain you that you may live henceforth not unto yourself, but unto Him which died for you and rose again. Amen.

Or,

May you receive the Holy Spirit, to protect and defend you against all evil, to strengthen and help you unto all good, that you may glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's. Amen.

Let us pray:

Almighty and most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named; Thou hast graciously permitted us to witness a solemn renewal of the covenant with Thee. Thy Church would render praise to Thee for this Thy mercy, and with one voice would say, Oh give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endureth for ever. For the mountains shall depart

and the hills be removed, but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed: Thus hast thou spoken, O Lord our Redeemer.

We would now with one accord beseech Thee that Thou wouldst keep these Thy young servants, who have here renewed their baptismal covenant as living members of Christ Jesus, steadfast in the true faith and in obedience unto Thy holy Gospel. Strengthen them by Thy Spirit, that neither false doctrine, fleshly lusts, nor the vanities of the world may lead them astray from that truth which this day they have solemnly confessed. Grant them grace that they may grow up into Him in all things which is the Head, even Christ; and evermore increase in wisdom, holiness and righteousness, which is well-pleasing in Thy sight. May they abide in Thy love, and their whole life be a true confession of Thy name, to their own everlasting salvation and to the joy of their friends, to the building up of Thy Church and to the praise of Thy glorious grace. May they now go forth in the peace of Christ and in the joy of the Holy Ghost, being blessed of Thee, Lord, who hast made the heavens and the earth, and who hast reconciled heaven and earth.

Lord Jesus Christ, true Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, who for the redemption of Thy people livest and reignest to all eternity, sanctify us all by Thy grace. May we all to-day renew our vows of everlasting fidelity to Thee our Lord and our Redeemer. Give us might and strength to fight a good fight, to finish our course, to keep the faith, that there may be laid up for us the crown of righteousness, which Thou hast promised unto all them that love Thy appearing. Let thy Spirit and Thy peace be upon us and upon our children.

We now commend ourselves to the fulness of Thy grace, O Lord, our God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, who art able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think—unto Thee be adoration and praise and thanksgiving in the Church by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

¶ *All then rising, the minister shall give to each the right hand of fellowship, saying :*

Upon the voluntary profession and promises which you have made, I hereby acknowledge and declare you to be a member of this Christian congregation, and give you in its name the right hand of Christian fellowship and love, and authorize you to join with us in the celebration of the Lord's Supper, and to participate in all our spiritual privileges, so long as you remain faithful to your present profession and promises. Go in peace.

¶ *Then shall be sung a suitable hymn, after which the services shall proceed as usual. If the Service Preparatory to the Lord's Supper is held in connection with Confirmation, the former should follow immediately.*

III.—The Order for Confession

PREPARATORY TO THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.

¶ *The Lord's Supper should be administered, under ordinary circumstances, at least four times a year : at Christmas, on Easter Sunday, on Whitsunday, and on a Sunday between Whitsunday and Christmas. The pastor should give timely notice from the pulpit of the intended celebration. Those who intend to commune may report their names to the pastor after the notice has been given, and all who have failed to do this should be required to do it at the time of holding the preparatory service.*

The names of the communicants should be recorded in the Church Book.

Immediately after the names have been taken down, the elders of the church shall examine the list, and if any suspended or expelled members shall have handed in their names, they shall be directed not to come to the Holy Communion until restored to their standing in the church.

On the day preceding the Communion this service should be held, and all the members should be present.

After a sermon or an address, urging careful self-examination and humble and heartfelt confession, the Congregation shall rise, and the Minister, standing at the altar, shall say :

Dearly Beloved, I ask you, before the Omniscent God, and upon the evidence of your own conscience—

Whether you are truly sensible, and with contrite hearts acknowledge and lament, not only that you are by nature sinners, but that you have in various ways, by the omission of duty, and by sinful thoughts, desires, words and actions, grieved and offended the Lord your God and Saviour, and that you have deserved that He should banish you from His presence, and condemn you to everlasting punishment?

If this be your sincere conviction, confess it by saying, *Yes.*

I ask you, whether you truly believe that Jesus Christ has come into the world to save sinners, and that all who believe in His name do receive the forgiveness of their sins? Is it, therefore, your fervent desire to be delivered from your sins and guilt; and are you persuaded that our heavenly Father is willing, for Jesus Christ's sake, to be gracious unto you, to forgive you all your sins, to cleanse you from all unrighteousness, and to sanctify you to Himself?

If this be your sincere belief, confess it by saying, *Yes.*

I ask you, whether you are fully resolved henceforth to submit yourselves to the gracious direction of the Holy Spirit, so that you may evermore strive to hate and forsake all manner

of evil, to walk circumspectly before God, and daily to grow in holiness of heart and life?

If this be your serious purpose, confess it in the presence of God and each other by saying, *Yes*.

Let us, devoutly kneeling, make this confession in prayer.

¶ *Then, all kneeling, shall be said :*

Almighty and most merciful Father, we confess unto Thee that we have often and grievously sinned in thy sight. We have offended against Thee, not only by numerous outward acts of transgression, but by the secret thoughts, affections and desires of our corrupt hearts, all which are indeed naked and open in Thy sight, but which we cannot fully understand or confess unto Thee. It is with sincere sorrow and heartfelt repentance that we acknowledge these our manifold transgressions. We fervently desire the blessedness of those whose sins are forgiven and whose transgressions are covered, and long for those consolations which are promised unto them that mourn. It is our solemn purpose to amend our sinful lives, and to live more godly, righteously and soberly than we have hitherto done. We beseech Thee, O Lord, to enable us, through the assistance of Thy Holy Spirit, to carry this resolution into effect. And especially prepare us now, we entreat Thee, for the worthy celebration of the Lord's Supper, so that, engaging in that sacred ordinance, hungering after that bread that perisheth not, and thirsting for the waters of life, we may receive from Thy fullness grace for grace, be strengthened in our faith, and enabled to love Thee more and to serve Thee better, making manifest the sincerity of our profes-

sion of faith and love toward Thee by the active charity which we exhibit toward our brethren of mankind.

Lord God, our Father in heaven, have mercy upou us; Lord God, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us; Lord God, Holy Spirit, have mercy upon us and give us Thy peace. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister rise, and say :*

Upon the confession which you have now made, I, by virtue of my office, as a minister of Jesus Christ, declare to all who do truly repent and heartily believe, and are sincerely resolved by the assistance of the Holy Spirit henceforth to amend your ways, and to lead a godly and pious life, the forgiveness of your sins in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

But, on the other hand, on the authority of the Word of God, and in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord, I declare to all who are impenitent, the hypocritical as well as the openly wicked, that so long as you continue in your impenitence, God will not forgive you your sins, but will retain them against you, and will assuredly punish you for your iniquities in the end; except you repent before your day of grace be ended, except you sincerely renounce and forsake your evil ways and come to Christ in true penitence and faith; which we fervently pray you may do ere it be too late.

May God have mercy upon every one of us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and finally bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister and the Congregation together say : The Lord's Prayer.*

¶ *The Congregation shall then rise.*

¶ *Then may be said the Collect for Peace ; after which the Minister shall pronounce the Benediction.*

IV.—The Communion of the Sick.

¶ *The sick person having been instructed in God's Word, and comforted, the pastor may begin the service by saying either Psalm cxxx. or Psalm xxv., and John iii. 16. Then, the Bread and Wine having been placed on the table made ready, he shall say the Lord's Prayer and the Words of Institution ; and proceed to the end of the Communion Service ; or he may use the whole Communion office, beginning at Lift up your hearts.*

V.—The Order for Marriage.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Dearly beloved, Forasmuch as marriage was instituted by God Himself, and is honourable in all, it becomes those who would enter into this estate duly to weigh what the Scriptures say concerning it:

“The Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make a help meet for him. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife; and they shall be one flesh.”

“Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the Church, and gave Himself for it. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies; he that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the Church. Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is

the Head of the Church. Therefore, as the Church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything."

But you should also remember that by reason of our manifold sins, God has appointed that those who enter into this estate should also bear the cross. You cannot therefore expect always to enjoy prosperity; days of adversity will also come; but if you fear God and keep His commandments, He will not forsake you. He will strengthen and keep you in every time of need, and comfort you in all your sorrows.

I exhort you diligently to consider the same, and to strive to conform your lives thereto.

As no impediments have been shown why you may not be lawfully joined together in matrimony, I ask you, in the presence of God and of these witnesses,

N., do you take this woman to be your wedded wife, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of matrimony? Will you love her, comfort her, honor and keep her, as a faithful Christian husband is bound to do, in health and in sickness, in prosperity and in adversity; and forsaking all others, keep you only unto her, so long as you both shall live?

Answer, *Yes.*

N., do you take this man to be your wedded husband, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of matrimony? Will you love him, comfort him, honor and keep him, as a faithful Christian wife is bound to do, in health and in sickness, in prosperity and in adversity; and forsaking all others, keep you only unto him, so long as you both shall live?

Answer, *Yes.*

¶ *If the ring or rings are used, the Minister directing it to be now done, shall say :*

The ring is an emblem of eternity. Eternal and indissoluble be the bond of your love.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say :*

Join your right hands.

Forasmuch as N. and N. have mutually consented to live together in holy wedlock, and have witnessed the same before God and this company, I as a minister of Jesus Christ pronounce them man and wife, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; and what God hath joined together, let no man put asunder.

Let us pray:

O Eternal God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, the Giver of all spiritual grace, the Author of everlasting life, we would acknowledge Thee in all our ways, and devoutly implore Thy direction and blessing. We adore Thee as the source of our benevolent affections, and of all our social satisfactions and comforts. We praise Thee that Thou hast ordained for us domestic institutions. And we beseech Thee to behold with Thy favor and to bless these Thy servants, who have now entered into the closest and tenderest of all earthly connections. Help them to fulfill with fidelity the vow and covenant which they have made in Thy presence; that the relation in which they stand to each other may not be to them a state of temptation and sorrow, but of holiness, joy and indissoluble love. Give them grace to overlook each other's infirmities, to cherish a due regard for each other's opinions and feelings, to be just to each other's virtues and good intentions, to improve each other's

understanding and heart, and to travel hand in hand to the end of life. Enable them, by persevering affection, by a worthy deportment and by united devotions to soften to each other the unavoidable cares of life, to alleviate its sorrows, to increase its innocent enjoyments, and to edify their friends and all around them. And having been pious, virtuous and happy in their connection here on earth, may they be at last united in the realms of everlasting love and bliss, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *If the marriage takes place in church, the ceremony may begin and close with an Anthem or Hymn.*

VI.—The Order for the Installation of the Church Council.

¶ *The officers elect shall present themselves before the altar, and the Minister shall say :*

Dear brethren, you have been duly elected by the members of this church as its officers. As your brethren have thus shown that they confide in your readiness to discharge with fidelity the offices to which you have been chosen, I now invite your attention to a brief statement of your official duties.

1. *The duties of an Elder are these:*

He shall set before the church a truly Christian example.

He shall take care that evangelical doctrine and Christian discipline are maintained in the church.

He shall visit the schools of the church from time to time, and see that good order is observed in them, and that the children are properly instructed.

When discord and controversies arise, he shall endeavor, as far as possible, to reconcile the parties concerned and to restore peace.

If the Pastor desire it, he shall accompany him on his visits to the sick.

In the absence of the Pastor, he shall conduct public worship.

2. The duties of a Deacon are these:

He shall set before the church a truly Christian example.

He shall render all necessary aid in the services of the sanctuary, and especially in the preparation for the Lord's Supper.

He shall take up all collections in the church.

It shall be his duty to see that, in accordance with Christ's command, the minister of the church be properly supported, and that all things connected with the public worship of God be done decently and in order, and that the poor of the church are properly cared for.

¶ *Then shall the minister say:*

You have thus heard, my brethren, what are the duties that pertain to your respective offices. In order that the Congregation may be assured of your willingness to perform them to the best of your ability, you will now in the presence of God and each other make known this your willingness by saying, *Yes*.

Let us pray:

Lord Jesus Christ, who art the chief Shepherd and Bishop of the flock which Thou hast purchased with Thy blood, we thank Thee that Thou continuest to dispose men to labor in Thy church, and faithfully to provide for its temporal

and spiritual welfare. Blessed Saviour, vouchsafe Thy grace and favor to these brethren. Enlighten and guide them by Thy Holy Spirit, that they may know Thy will, and that their services to Thy Church may redound to its good and to Thy praise. Fill their hearts with love to Thee, to Thy word and to their brethren, whom they are to benefit by their example, counsel and active services; so that, ever seeking help from Thee in faith, they may with alacrity and cheerfulness discharge their duties. Hear, O Lord, and answer our prayers, for the sake of that love wherewith Thou lovest us. *Amen.*

¶ *The Minister, giving his right hand to each, shall say :*

May the Lord direct and assist you by His Holy Spirit; may He counsel and strengthen you in all your undertakings, and encourage you to labor diligently for the prosperity of this church, and to fulfill with fidelity your respective duties. Depart in peace, and may the God of peace bless you. *Amen.*

VII.—The Order for the Installation of a Pastor.

¶ *If the Minister who is to be installed preaches the sermon, the Installation should precede it. But if the President of the Ministerium, or another Minister appointed by him, preaches, the Installation should follow the sermon. The officiating Minister shall begin with the regular Sunday Morning Service, proceeding as far as the reading of the Lessons, when he shall say the Collect here following :*

Let us pray :

Most merciful God, our heavenly Father, who hast commanded us by Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, that we should pray Thee to send forth laborers into Thy harvest, we earnestly beseech

Thee to send to us continually true teachers and ministers of Thy word, and so enlighten their minds with the knowledge of Thy truth that they may faithfully make known Thy whole counsel; that we, being admonished, enlightened, nourished, comforted and strengthened by Thy heavenly and everlasting Word, may in this present world do those things which please Thee, and finally come to the enjoyment of eternal life, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the following Scripture Lessons be read instead of, or after, the Epistle and Gospel for the day: 1 Timothy iii. 1: vi. 7; vi. 3, 21; Acts xx. 28, 31; John xx. 21, 23. If the Minister installed preaches, now, if not, at the close of the sermon, the officiating Minister, standing at the altar, shall say:*

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Beloved brethren, members of this Christian church, we have been duly authorized to install as your Pastor and Teacher, N. N., our esteemed brother and fellow-laborer in the service of our Lord Jesus Christ. Although we do not doubt that the Congregation have fully concurred in his election, it becomes us, nevertheless, to pay due regard to church order. Therefore, before we proceed to this Installation, we desire to be duly certified by the congregation, through its council, that you have chosen this brother to be your Pastor.

¶ *This may now be done, according to previous arrangement, either by the delivery to the officiating Minister of a written call, or by the oral declaration of one or more of the Church Council appointed for this purpose. Then shall the officiating Minister say:*

We now proceed with pleasure to discharge the duty entrusted to us, and request our brother to present himself before the altar.

¶ *The Minister to be installed now presents himself before the Altar; he should be accompanied by the members of the Church Council.*

Receive then, dear brother, the holy office to which you have been duly chosen. Receive it with its privileges and its responsibilities. We all entertain the confident hope that you will discharge its duties with conscientious fidelity, in the sight of God and of men. While you seek to become all things to all men, you will make it the great aim of your labors to promote true and vital godliness and to win souls to Christ. You will regard with special interest the lambs of your flock, taking care that they are early instructed in the doctrines of the Gospel, that they may be the planting of the Lord, and flourish in the courts of our God, and thus not only attain their own salvation, but become a blessing to the Church.

You have already in your secret prayer vowed unto God to perform all these duties; and you will now announce this your purpose to the congregation about to be committed to your charge.

I therefore ask you, before the omnipresent God, the Searcher of all hearts, at the sacred Altar of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in the presence of this Christian congregation; Are you firmly and earnestly resolved to fulfill all the duties of your holy office with conscientious fidelity; will you order all your instructions according to the Word of God in Holy Scripture, and the Confessions of our Evangelical Lutheran Church founded on the same, and by your life and conversation show yourself a true minister of our Lord Jesus Christ? If this be your serious purpose, announce it by saying:

Answer, Yes, by the help of God.

¶ *Then shall the officiating Minister say:*

The Lord, who hath heard your promise, grant

unto you strength and power to perform the same. May He at all times enlighten you by His Spirit, comfort you with His peace, and crown your labors in His name with abundant success.

¶ *Then shall he turn to the Congregation, and say :*

Dear brethren, receive your Pastor with that respect and love to which he is justly entitled. You have yourselves chosen him to be your Pastor; and without your respect and love he cannot prosecute the work of the Lord with success. Be mindful of the admonition of the apostle: "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account: that they may do it with joy and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you." Receive him then with fixed purpose to do everything in your power to cause him, even in eternity, to bless the day that brought him among you. Do not forget his temporal necessities, but administer liberally and cheerfully to his wants, according as God has prospered you. Duly regard his labors in your behalf, and esteem him very highly in love for his work's sake, and be peaceably minded toward him, aiding and comforting him in his conflicts by your prayers. Happy the congregation that rightly estimates the services of a faithful, godly minister; and happy the minister upon whom the Lord hath bestowed the privilege of laboring in such a Congregation! Let us now entreat the Lord that the connection which has this day been formed may be thus happy and blessed to Pastor and Congregation.

Prayer.

Almighty and everlasting Father; Thou hast established a kingdom for Thyself upon the earth. Thou hast founded for Thyself, in Thy Son Jesus, a holy Church, against which the gates of hell cannot prevail. It is Thy gracious will that from this blessed institution, salvation to the souls of men shall go forth unto the end of days. Praise and adoration be unto Thee, the Father of mercies, for this manifestation of Thy goodness and grace.

We render praise and thanksgiving to Thee. Glory be to Thee for all the blessings which the preaching of Thy Gospel in these Thy courts hath brought to immortal souls. And peace be with all who have labored in Thy service within this Congregation, and have been faithful in their labors.

Our Father in Christ, Thou dost this day send another laborer into this Thy harvest field. Thou dost command him to spread Thy heavenly light, to invite men to Thy heavenly consolations; in Christ's stead to beseech those whom He has redeemed, "Be ye reconciled unto God." Look down in mercy upon him, that he may fulfill his holy office here to the praise of Thy glorious Name. Replenish him with all those Thy gifts which are requisite to the faithful and successful execution of his office. Support him in all his endeavors by Thy mighty power, and crown his sincere efforts with blessed success. Give him strength to be faithful to his high calling, even amid difficulties and opposition. And when at last his work on earth is ended, may he as a faithful servant enter into the joy of his Lord.

O Lord, bless this congregation. Bless the officers and all the members of the Church. Pre-

serve Thine altar perpetually in their midst, and ever keep alive upon it Thy holy fire. May Thy Word and Sacraments be continued to them in their purity, and the peaceful kingdom of Thy Son so flourish and prosper, that all who worship Thee in this place may in the end find their names written in the Lamb's book of life.

O Lord our God, who doest more than we can ask or think, fill us all with Thy grace. O Thou God of peace, sanctify us wholly, that our whole spirit and soul and body may be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

¶ *A Hymn shall be sung, after which the newly-installed Pastor, kneeling with his face to the altar, shall say :*

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

¶ *Then rising and turning to the Congregation, he shall say :*

The Lord be with you.

¶ *The Congregation shall say :*

And with thy spirit.

¶ *The Minister shall say :*

Let us pray:

Most merciful God, our heavenly Father, give, we beseech Thee, unto me, and unto this congregation, Thy Holy Spirit and Christian faithfulness and wisdom. Make me a diligent and worthy teacher and servant of Thy Divine word, and thus build up and bless Thy Church; to the end that we, being admonished, enlightened, nourished, comforted and strengthened by Thy heavenly and everlasting Word, may persevere in the profession of Thy name, unto the end, through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall he pronounce the Benediction.*

IX.—The Order of Licensure of Candidates.

¶ *A suitable hymn shall be sung, and the candidate shall come before the altar. The President shall then say :*

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Beloved in the Lord: You stand here in the presence of God to receive authority from the Church to preach the gospel of reconciliation. Having found you possessed of the requisite qualifications, we consider ourselves fully authorized solemnly to invest you with this sacred office.

Hear first the word of God which is recorded in Matt. xxviii. 18–20: “And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and on earth. Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”

You are to teach and exhort, to feed and take care of the flock of Christ; and likewise to gather in the scattered sheep, that they may be saved. Never lose sight of the momentous duties which pertain to this office. What indescribable guilt would you incur if through your negligence and slothfulness, or the actual violation of your trust, immortal souls should be neglected and perish! But unspeakably great and glorious will be your reward if through your instrumentality many precious souls shall be brought to Jesus and rescued from temporal and eternal destruction.

The duties which devolve upon you as a Licentiate in the Gospel Ministry are as follows:

1. A licensed candidate is authorized to perform all ministerial acts in the congregations committed to him.

2. His duty is to preach the pure, unadulterated Word of God, to give religious instruction to children, to perform all other duties appertaining to the same office, to prosecute his studies with diligence, and in all cases of difficulty to seek the advice of the president, or of his elder brethren in the ministry.

3. He must keep a diary of his ministerial acts, and present it, together with a few sermons of his own composition, annually to the Synod for its inspection. His certificate of licensure must also be returned in order to its renewal.

4. He is required to attend the annual synodical meetings, and should he not be able, a written excuse must be sent, as well as his diary, with two or three sermons and his license.

These, beloved brethren, are the duties which you are now authorized and required, by the help of God, to perform. Will you strive to fulfill them to the best of your ability, and faithfully discharge the duties of the office with which you are entrusted; will you preach in their purity the doctrines of God's holy Word, as they are set forth in the Confessions of our Church; and will you endeavor by the grace of God to be a pattern to your congregation in faith and love? If so, declare this your purpose in the presence of God and this Christian assembly by saying, *Yes*.

¶ *The President shall say :*

You have witnessed a good confession, and to it we say Yea and Amen.

¶ *The President shall hand him the license, and say :*

Receive this license, which, until the next meeting of Synod, invests you with the office of the Holy Ministry.

And now, agreeably to ancient and sacred usage, extend to us your right hand in confirmation of the promises which you have made.

Let us pray:

Lord Jesus Christ! Thou art truly the Chief Shepherd and Bishop of Thy Church. Thou hast founded, preserved and governed it unto this day. Thou hast appointed teachers and evangelists to be stewards of the mysteries of God, to instruct, to exhort, to beseech, to break the bread of life in Thy name and in Thy stead. Look in mercy upon these Thy servants who have been called to this office. Grant them a correct understanding of Thy truth; fill them with love to Thee and toward those whom Thou hast purchased with Thy blood; and quicken them to pure zeal in the cause of human salvation, and clothe them with the ornament of an irreproachable walk and conversation, that so they may serve Thee with fidelity and in godly sincerity, laboring for the extension of Thy kingdom, and the salvation of immortal souls.

Our Father, who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the President pronounce the Benediction.*

X.—The Order of Ordination to the Office of the Ministry.

¶ *Ordination usually takes place before the assembled Synod, but should any Congregation desire that its Minister be ordained in the Church where he is called to serve, and be willing to defray the expenses, the request should be granted. If the officers of Synod cannot attend the Ordination, the President shall appoint a committee for this purpose. A sermon on the Office of the Ministry should be preached; if this cannot be done, an address at the altar should precede the Ordination.*

After the sermon a Hymn of Invocation of the Holy Spirit should be sung. At the close of the hymn the ordaining Minister and his assistants shall go to the altar, and the Candidates shall stand before it. The ordaining Minister shall say:

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Or,

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all.

Our Lord Jesus Christ after His resurrection said to His disciples (John xx. 21), Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

When He was about to ascend into heaven, He said to them (Matthew xxviii. 18), All power is given to me in heaven and in earth. Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even to the end of the world.

And when He ascended up far above all heavens, that He might fill all things, He gave some apostles, and some prophets, and some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ (Ephesians iv. 10).

Therefore the Office of the Ministry of reconciliation, the Office of the Spirit whose work it is to justify, to renew and to save, was instituted by the Lord Himself. Not that they are sufficient of themselves to hold this Office of the New Testament, but their sufficiency is of God. They are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by them; and they have received from God a ministration of exceeding glory.

They should therefore adorn their ministry in all things, as St. Paul the apostle writes to Timothy and Titus: A bishop must be blameless, the husband of one wife; one that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; (for if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the Church of God?) not self-willed, not soon angry, vigilant, sober, not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre, of good behavior, temperate, just, holy, given to hospitality, a lover of good men, not a brawler, not covetous, but patient; not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil; apt to teach, holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers. Moreover, he must have a good report of them which are without, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil. He must be an example to the flock in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. He must give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine; and not neglect the gift that is in him, which was given him by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. He must meditate upon these things, and give him-

self wholly to them, that his profiting may appear to all. He must take heed to himself and to the doctrine, and continue in them, for in so doing he shall both save himself and them that hear him. The same blessed apostle has briefly set forth all these things in his charge to the elders at Ephesus, Acts xx. 28, where he says: Take heed therefore to yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the Church of God, which He hath purchased with His own blood.

From all these things you learn to how high a dignity, and to how weighty an office and charge, you are called; and that that is most certainly true which the apostle saith: If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. Forasmuch then as your office and work is of so great difficulty, and you are not able of yourself faithfully to fulfill it, so as shall be well pleasing to God and to the edification of the Church, we exhort you to put your trust in the almighty grace of Jesus Christ our Lord, and to comfort yourselves with His help. They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. And He who has promised to be with us alway, even unto the end of the world, will uphold you and prosper you in that whereunto He has sent you, And may He whose strength is made perfect in our weakness now give you grace, with pure lips and sincere hearts, to make that confession which the Church has authorized us to ask of you. To this end lift up your hearts unto God, and say:

¶ *The Candidates shall say with him :*

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, I beseech Thee to strengthen me now by Thy good Spirit, that with gladness and sincerity of heart, I may

confess my purpose to serve Thee in doctrine and life; so that ever hereafter this hour may be blessed to my soul. Out of the depths do I cry to Thee, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice; let Thine ear be attentive to the voice of my supplications. I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in His word do I hope. Amen.

¶ *Here the open Bible shall be placed before the persons to be ordained, and each shall place his right hand upon it, and the ordaining Minister shall say :*

I now demand of you, beloved brethren in the Lord, in the presence of God and our Lord Jesus Christ, and also of this Christian assembly: Whether you are now ready, after due consideration, to take upon you this holy Office, and as God shall give you strength, to execute and discharge the same in such manner as shall be well pleasing to the Lord and Chief Shepherd of the Church? Will you preach the pure Word of God, in accordance with the true understanding of the same, as set forth in the Confessions of our Church; and will you, by the grace of God, set to others the example of a godly life? If you so purpose, confess it before God and this Christian congregation by your solemn assent.

¶ *The persons to be ordained shall then say, one after the other :*

Yes, with my whole heart, the Lord helping me, through the power and grace of His Holy Spirit.

¶ *Then shall the ordaining Minister say :*

You have witnessed a good confession before many witnesses, whereunto we say, Yea and Amen. Kneel down before the omnipresent God, and receive with prayer and supplication this holy consecration.

¶ *The persons to be ordained kneeling, the ordaining Minister shall say :*

Upon these solemn vows, which you have now taken upon you before God and men, we beseech God, the Father of our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the only Lord of the harvest, that He would so replenish you with His Holy Spirit that you may be fitted worthily to exercise this sacred office. May He so strengthen and keep you that you may give no offence in anything, that the ministry be not blamed; but in all things approve yourselves as the ministers of God in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, in labors, in watchings, in fastings; by pureness, by knowledge, by long-suffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers and yet true; as unknown and yet well known; as dying, and behold, ye live; as chastened and not killed; as sorrowful, yet alway rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing all things (2 Corinthians vi.). The Lord grant you grace to do and suffer the work of the Gospel Ministry, that in that great day ye may be ready to appear before the judgment-seat of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give answer to the righteous Judge, to receive from His hand glory and honor and immortality, and to shine as the brightness of the firmament and as the stars for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *The assisting Ministers shall say :*

Amen. Amen.

¶ *Then the ordaining Minister, with his assistants, shall lay their hands upon the head of every one to be ordained, the ordaining Minister saying :*

We now commit unto thee, by the imposition of our hands, the holy Office of the Word and the Sacraments of the Triune God; we ordain and consecrate thee to the ministry of reconciliation in the Church of Jesus Christ, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

¶ *The assisting Ministers shall say :*

Amen. Amen.

¶ *Then all the ordained Ministers shall rise and say :*

Our Father, who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespases, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *The ordaining Minister shall then say :*

Most merciful God, our heavenly Father, through Thy dear Son our Lord Jesus Christ, Thou hast declared, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He would send forth laborers into His harvest." In obedience to this Thy command, we humbly and heartily beseech Thee plenteously to endow these Thy servants, us and all who are called to the office and work of Thy ministry, with Thy Holy Spirit, that we, with all who preach Thy word, may be Thy faithful Evangelists, and continue steadfast against all the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, to the end that through our endeavors Thy name may be hallowed, Thy

kingdom be extended, and Thy will be done on earth. May it please Thee to restrain and bring to naught all Thy enemies, who blaspheme Thy name and hinder Thy kingdom; and wherever Thy servants preach and labor, do Thou bless their preaching and prosper the work of their hands and hearts to the praise of Thy most holy Name, and to the salvation of souls, through Thy dear Son our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, world without end.

¶ *The congregation shall say :*

Amen.

¶ *The persons ordained shall now rise.*

¶ *The ordaining Minister shall say to the persons ordained :*

Go then and feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; not as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away. The Lord bless you from on high, and make you a blessing unto many, that you may bring forth fruit, and that your fruit may remain unto eternal life.

¶ *The persons ordained shall say :*

Amen.

¶ *All the ordained Ministers present shall then give to the persons ordained the right hand of fellowship.*

¶ *Then shall be sung a Hymn of praise and thanksgiving.*

¶ *The Lord's Supper may now be administered, the service beginning at the Words of Institution. Or the service may be closed with the Benediction. If the Ordination takes place in the congregation of the person ordained, he shall not preach at that time.*

XI.—The Order for the Laying of the Corner-stone of a Church.

¶ *The Minister and the Church Council shall go up, in procession, to the place where the church is to be erected, saying the following :*

Psalm cxxii.

I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand within Thy gates, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together; whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the Lord. For there are set thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: They shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls and prosperity within thy palaces. For my brethren and companions' sakes I will now say, Peace be within thee. Because of the house of the Lord our God I will seek thy good.

¶ *The officiating Minister, standing near the corner-stone, shall then say :*

Beloved in the Lord, it is right and proper, and in accordance with the Holy Scriptures, that in all our doings we should look up to Almighty God, the Father of lights, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, and beseech him to direct us by His good Spirit, and to prosper the work of our hands with His most gracious help. Especially, therefore, when we are now assembled to commence a house which is to be set apart to His honor and service, and in which His holy name is to be worshiped, His Word is to be proclaimed and His Sacraments are to be administered by the Ministry whom He hath commissioned, let us humbly and devoutly supplicate His assistance, protection and blessing.

Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve; pour down upon us the abundance of Thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with Thy most gracious favor, and further us with Thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy Name; and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister and Congregation say :*

Our Father who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the builders lay the Stone in order; the officiating Minister may read the inscription, and mention the articles to be placed in it, and deposit them in the stone. When the stone is set in order and closed, the Minister shall say :*

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
Congregation. Who made heaven and earth.
M. Except the Lord build the house:
C. They labor in vain that build it.

¶ *Then the Minister, striking the stone three times with a hammer, shall say :*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

I lay the corner-stone of an edifice to be here erected, by the name of — Evangelical Lutheran Church, and to be devoted to the service of Almighty God, agreeably to the principles of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in its doctrines, ministry, liturgy, rites and usages.

Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ—who is God over all, blessed for ever;—in whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace. Amen.

Minister. O Lord, open Thou my lips.

Congregation. And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

¶ *Then shall the Minister and the Congregation say :*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say :*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

Congregation. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

M. Praise ye the Lord.

C. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.

¶ *Then shall be sung a Hymn of praise, after which the minister shall say:*

Let us pray:

Blessed be Thy name, O Lord, that it hath pleased Thee to put it into the hearts of Thy servants to commence the erection of a building in which Thy holy Name is to be worshiped, and the messages of reconciliation are to be proclaimed, and the means of Thy grace and our salvation to be administered. Prosper Thou them, O God, in this their undertaking; oh prosper Thou their handiwork. Give to the members of this congregation unity of counsel, purity of intention and a supreme aim at the advancement of Thy glory in promoting the extension and interests of Thy Holy Church, appointed for the salvation of mankind. Guard by Thy Providence everything which may appertain to the building which is now begun in Thy fear and in dependence on Thy blessing. And grant that all who are in any way connected with this temple to be made with hands, may seek those influences of Thy Holy Spirit by which their souls will be made temples holy unto Thee and prepared for that city of the living God which is eternal in the heavens. Hasten, we beseech Thee, the time when Thy Church, at unity in itself, shall serve Thee in godly quietness, and when all who profess Thy holy Name shall agree in the truth of Thy holy Word—when all shall be united as true members in the blessed unity of that holy body of which Thy Son is the Head; and glorifying Thee in Thy Church on earth with one heart and one mouth, be finally numbered

with Thy Saints in Thy Church triumphant. All which we ask through the merits of Thy Son Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *Then may follow the Address, after which a Hymn shall be sung, during which a collection may be taken up. Then shall the Minister say :*

Let us pray:

O most merciful God, gracious Father, we give Thee most hearty thanks that Thou hast counted us worthy to begin an edifice set apart for Thy worship; and we beseech Thee so to prosper our work by Thy power and goodness that it may be completed as it is now begun, under Thy favor and blessing, and that soon a devout and joyful congregation may be assembled here. O Thou, who art the Protector of all that trust in Thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, increase and multiply upon us Thy mercy, that Thou being our Ruler and Guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister say the Benediction.*

XII.—The Order for the Consecration of a Church.

¶ *The Ministers and the Church Council going up the aisle of the church to the altar, shall repeat the following Introit :*

Minister. How amiable are Thy tabernacles,
O Lord of Hosts.

Answer. My soul longeth, yea fainteth for the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God. For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand.

M. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors:

A. And the King of glory shall come in.

M. Who is this King of glory?

A. The Lord of Hosts, He is the King of glory.

¶ *When the Ministers come to the altar, the whole Congregation shall rise and sing or say the*

Gloria Patri.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

World without end. Amen.

Minister. The Lord be with you.

Congregation. And with thy spirit.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, Thou art the King of glory; and unto Thee alone who dwellest in the high and holy place, be praise and adoration, from the host of heaven and from all the dwellers upon earth. We Thy people come before Thy divine presence on this day with joyful hearts, to worship Thee in this house which Thou hast enabled Thy servants to build, and in which Thy Name shall henceforth be recorded. Receive, we beseech Thee, our humble thanksgiving, our cheerful praises, and our sincere adoration, as the first offerings which we here bring before the throne of Thy majesty. Send down Thy Holy Spirit upon us, that we may lift up holy hands and pure hearts unto Thee. Let Thy glory fill this house, and Thy goodness appear unto Thy servants. Hear our prayer, O

Lord our God, who livest and reignest for ever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the officiating Minister say :*

Dearly Beloved: Mankind in all ages and in all places have common wants and enjoy common blessings; it is therefore proper that they should unite with one another in the worship of the Lord of life and Giver of all good. God has declared that such worship is acceptable to Him, and His people have experienced that it is good to say to one another, Oh come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His fold.

But for the performance of this sacred duty it is necessary, not only that special seasons, but also that particular places, should be appropriated. Holy men in all ages have esteemed the erection of houses for the worship of God a good work. This work is especially sanctioned by the divine appointment of the tabernacle and temple under the old dispensation; the importance of frequenting them is enforced by the example of Christ and the lessons of His Apostles; and the consecration of them to the service of the Most High, or the separation of them from worldly and common uses, is desirable, that when we meet together for religious purposes, no thought or emotion foreign to that great object may be awakened by the place.

For such a consecration we are now assembled.

Let us hear from the Holy Scriptures in what manner in ancient time, the first temple of the only true God was dedicated. (*Read 1 Kings viii. 22-30, and 54-58.*) Hear also what St. Paul says. (*Read Eph. ii. 11-22, and Heb. x. 19-29.*)

¶ *Then shall the Minister and the Congregation say :*

The Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord ; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary ; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead and buried ; He descended into hell ; the third day He rose again from the dead ; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty ; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost ; The holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints ; The Forgiveness of sins ; The Resurrection of the body ; And the Life everlasting. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the officiating Minister say :*

And now in this faith, and by the authority committed to us by the Church of Christ, and with hearts lifted up to Almighty God, from whom cometh down every blessing ; We, Ministers of the Church of Christ here assembled, do set apart and consecrate this edifice to a house of God, to a place of assembly for the Christian Church under the name of N. N. Evangelical Lutheran Church, separating it henceforth from all unhallowed, ordinary and common uses. We do consecrate it, with its Pulpit, its Altar (its Baptismal Font) and all its parts to the honour of Almighty God our heavenly Father, for the offering up to Him of praise and thanksgiving, of prayer and intercession. We consecrate it to the preservation and furtherance of the Gospel of His only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, the Enlightener and Redeemer of the world, that in it the Word of the Cross may be preached,

according to the Confessions of our Evangelical Lutheran Church, His holy Sacraments may be rightly administered to God's believing people, and His religion handed down to the latest generations. We consecrate it to the gracious work of the Holy Ghost, that in it, through His influence, the hearts of men may be enlightened, sanctified and sealed unto salvation, and Christian unity, love and happiness may be promoted. And to these holy purposes we set apart and consecrate this house, In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

But, inasmuch as the consecration of the temple erected by human hands is vain and ineffectual, if not followed by another consecration, even the consecration of those who intend to worship therein, I call upon all of you, who are here present, now to consecrate yourselves anew with all you are and have to the service of our God. To Him let our souls be consecrated with all their powers and affections, that they may be renewed after the image of Him who hath created them, in righteousness and true holiness! To Him let our bodies be consecrated, that they may be the temples of the Holy Ghost, and all their members and senses be vessels and instruments sanctified unto God! To Him let our calling and station in life be consecrated, that we may faithfully employ them in doing good and glorifying our Father who is in heaven! To Him let our whole life be consecrated, that every day may bear witness that we have not received His grace in vain, but that we are living to His glory.

Thus may the consecration of this house be accompanied by the consecration of ourselves. And let all the people say Amen.

And now, I beseech you, my Christian brethren, to accompany me with your prayers to the God of all grace, that He may grant His blessing to this good work.

Let us pray :

O Lord, Thou art worthy to receive glory and honour, for Thou hast created all things, and by Thee they are constantly supported and upheld. Great and marvellous are Thy works, Lord God Almighty! just and true are Thy ways, Thou King of saints. Who shall not fear Thee and glorify Thy Name? for Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. All nations shall come and worship before Thee, when the counsel of Thy love hath been made known unto them.

The heavens, yea, the heaven of heavens cannot contain Thee: yet adored be Thy name that Thou art inviting us to communion with Thyself, the everlasting fountain of light, love and joy.

Receive our thanks, O Father of mercies, for disposing Thy servants to erect this house for Thine honor and the edification of immortal souls. Be pleased to accept the consecration of it to Thy service, to the religion of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, and to the operation of the Holy Spirit. Look down in mercy upon this sanctuary, to protect it from every danger; and upon all who shall assemble here from time to time, to gladden them with Thy blissful presence. Accomplish in their behalf, O Lord, Thy promise to dwell in the midst of them, that Thou mayest be their God, and that they may be Thy people. May they always enter Thy sanctuary with reverence, and never leave it without a blessing.

Grant, O Lord, that all who shall be dedicated to Thee in this house by the Holy Sacrament of Baptism, may grow in Thy fear and continue to be Thy true disciples; that all who shall here confirm the vows made at their Baptism may, by the aid of Thy Holy Spirit, fulfill the same, and grow in grace; that all who shall at this altar celebrate the atoning death of Christ, may be established in their faith and obtain remission of their sins; and that Thy Word may at all times be preached here in its purity and power, be received into good and honest hearts, and bring forth abundantly the fruits of righteousness and godliness.

Save now, O Lord, we beseech Thee; send now prosperity. Let Thy work appear unto Thy servants, Thy glory unto their children; and let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us. And, being built upon the foundation of the prophets and apostles, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner-stone, may we grow unto a holy temple in the Lord; and finally by Thy grace be received into that temple not made with hands in which everlasting songs of praises ascend to Thee.

¶ *The Minister and Congregation shall then say :*

Our Father who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *Then shall a Hymm be sung, during which the collection shall be taken up. Then shall follow the Sermon. After the Sermon, a Doxology shall be sung, and the Minister shall pronounce the Benediction.*

XIII.—The Order for the Opening of Synod.

¶ *A Hymn of Invocation of the Holy Spirit, or another suitable Hymn, shall be sung, after which the President, standing at the altar, shall say :*

The Lord be with you.

Members of Synod. And with thy Spirit.

P. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord our God.

M. Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

P. Let us pray. (*All kneeling.*)

Holy art Thou, O Lord, heavenly Father, who dwellest in the high and holy place ; we are unholy, and wait for Thy salvation. Grant us now that grace which Thou hast promised, which Thy Son has purchased, which Thy Holy Spirit conveys, and which all those who earnestly beseech Thee for that grace shall assuredly receive. We humble ourselves before the throne of Thy grace in lowness of heart, and implore of Thee the gifts of Thy Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth and of wisdom, of power and of might, of love and of concord. May He remove all self-sufficiency and all arrogance from us, the Ministers of Thy Church and heralds of Thy Gospel, and keep us from being led astray through selfishness and sinful desires. May He sanctify us through Thy truth. May he so reign and rule within us that we, being filled with strength and courage, may continually seek after this one thing: to do Thy holy will, to glorify Thy Son and to build up Thy kingdom. May He Himself make intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered, and direct us in all our deliberations and decisions to Jesus Christ, who ever liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the President, followed by the members of Synod, say :*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker

of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting. Amen.

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Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *The President shall then say :*

Having, therefore, dear brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, and having an high-priest over the house of God; let us draw near with a true heart, in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience. And let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; for He is faithful that promised. And let us consider one another, to provoke unto love and to good works.

I do hereby open this Synod, in accordance with the usage and principles of our Evangelical Lutheran Church, for the glory of God, for the

welfare of the Church of Jesus Christ, and for the edification of all who believe in His name; In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

The Lord be with us, that we may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

¶ *The President and members of Synod shall say :*

Amen.

XIV.—The Closing of Synod.

¶ *A Hymn of praise shall be sung, after which the President, standing at the altar, shall say :*

Oh give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good:
Members of Synod. And His mercy endureth for ever.

P. Let us pray. (*All kneeling.*)

Almighty and most merciful God, who art the source of all light and of all truth, we give thanks unto Thee, and laud Thy holy name, that Thou hast graciously granted us the assistance and comfort of Thy good Spirit, to the end that we might be preserved from the blinding influences of error, worldly-mindedness and vanity. And we pray that Thy Spirit may continue so to rule and govern us that, strong in the power of faith, and immovable in steadfastness of heart, we may persevere in Thy work, and may always be found as faithful laborers in Thy vineyard, and as fearless confessors of Thy truth to the day of the coming of Thy Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the President say :*

I do now close this Synod in the name of the Lord. And now, dear brethren, let us stand fast in the love of Christ, that when He comes again in His glory, we may not be put to shame, but rejoice before Him.

¶ *The President, followed by the members of Synod, shall say :*

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¶ *A Hymn shall then be sung, and the President shall pronounce the Benediction.*

XV.—Burial of the Dead.

¶ *At the house, or after the corpse is brought into the church, the Minister shall say :*

*Job xix. 25, 26, 27:—*I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another.

*St. John xi. 25, 26:—*I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me, shall never die.

*Rev. xiv. 13:—*And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.

¶ *Then may be sung or said the 39th Psalm, as here followeth. Or a Hymn, or another Psalm, may be sung.*

Lord, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is: that I may know how frail I am.

Behold, Thou hast made my days as an hand-breadth: and mine age is as nothing before Thee; verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity.

Surely every man walketh in a vain show; surely they are disquieted in vain: he heapeth up riches, and knoweth not who shall gather them.

And now, Lord, what wait I for: my hope is in Thee.

Deliver me from all my transgressions: make me not the reproach of the foolish.

I was dumb, I opened not my mouth: because Thou didst it.

Remove Thy stroke away from me: I am consumed by the blow of Thine hand.

When Thou with rebukes dost correct man for iniquity, Thou makest his beauty to consume away like as a moth: surely every man is vanity.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear unto my cry: hold not Thy peace at my tears;

For I am a stranger with Thee and a sojourner: as all my fathers were.

Oh spare me, that I may recover my strength: before I go hence and be no more.

¶ *Then shall the Minister and Congregation, standing, say the Lord's Prayer.*

The Lord's Prayer.

Our Father, who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *Then may the Minister read the following lesson, 1 Cor. xv. 20-22, 35-57. Or he may read 1 Thess. iv. 13-18; 2 Cor. v. 1-10; Rev. 7. 9-17; Ps. xxxi, xxxiv, xxxix, xlii, lxxi, lxxiii, xc, cxxxix; John v. 24-29; vi. 37-40; xi. 20-27; Luke vii. 11-25; Matt. ix. 18-25; or another suitable lesson from Holy Scripture.*

Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come?

Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die: and that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain: but God giveth it a body as it hath pleased Him, and to every seed his own body. All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds. There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for one star differeth from another star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: it is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: it is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump:

for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

¶ *Then shall be said the prayer here following, or another suitable prayer.*

1.

Almighty God, who by the death of Thy Son hast abolished sin and death, and by His resurrection hast brought life and immortality to light, to the end that we might be delivered from the power of the devil, and that by the power of the same resurrection, our mortal bodies should be raised from the dead, and live with Thee in Thy kingdom; mercifully grant that with our whole hearts we may steadfastly believe this, and with all Thy saints may attain unto the blessed resurrection from the dead; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

2.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who hast taught us by Thy holy Apostle not to sorrow,

even as others which have no hope, for them which sleep in Jesus; mercifully grant unto us that, at the coming of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, we, with all who have departed in the true faith, may be received into Thine everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

3.

Almighty and everlasting God, the Consolation of the sorrowful, and the Strength of the weak; may the prayers of them that in tribulation and distress cry unto Thee, graciously come before Thee, so that in all their necessities they may mark and receive Thy manifold help and comfort; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

4.

O Lord, Almighty, Everlasting and Most Merciful God, Who through death dost call us away from this sinful world, to the end that we may not be lost through sin, but may attain unto everlasting life: We beseech Thee, Increase our faith, that at Thy call we may go forth with joy, and follow Thee into Thy Kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

5.

Merciful and Eternal God, Who didst not spare Thine Only Son, but delivered Him up for us all that He might bear our sins upon the Cross: Grant unto us such steadfast faith, that our hearts may never fear nor doubt; Through the same, Thy Son Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

¶ *A Hymn may then be sung.*

¶ *If there be a Sermon, it may then follow; and after the Sermon another Hymn may be sung.*

AT THE GRAVE.

¶ *The body having been deposited in the grave, the Minister, standing at the foot of the grave, shall say:*

Man, that is born of woman, is of few days, and full of trouble. He cometh up like a flower, and is cut down; he fleeth as it were a shadow, and continueth not.

In the midst of life we are in death. Of whom may we seek for succor but of Thee, O Lord, who for our sins art justly displeased?

Yet, O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour, deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death.

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts: shut not Thy merciful ears to our prayers; but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and merciful Saviour, Thou most worthy Judge eternal, suffer us not at our last hour for any pains of death to fall from Thee.

Forasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty God, in His wise providence, to take out of this world the soul of our deceased brother, *sister*, *child*, we therefore commit the body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; looking confidently for the general resurrection in the last day, and the life of the world to come, through our Lord Jesus Christ, who shall raise His followers to the participation of His own happiness and glory in heaven.

The Benediction.

The Lord bless thee and keep thee.

The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

THE CONFESSIONS.

The Apostles' Creed.

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I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting. Amen.

The Nicene Creed.

I BELIEVE in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who, for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the Remission of sins; And I look for the Resurrection of the dead; and the Life of the world to come. Amen.

The Athanasian Creed.

WHOSOEVER will be saved, before all things it is necessary that he hold the true Christian faith.

Which faith except every one do keep whole and undefiled, without doubt he shall perish everlastingly.

But this is the true Christian faith: That we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity;

Neither confounding the Persons, nor dividing the Substance.

For there is one Person of the Father, another of the Son, and another of the Holy Ghost.

But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, is all one: the Glory equal, the Majesty co-eternal.

Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Ghost.

The Father is uncreate, the Son uncreate, and the Holy Ghost uncreate.

The Father is incomprehensible, the Son incomprehensible, and the Holy Ghost incomprehensible.

The Father is eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Ghost eternal.

And yet they are not three eternals, but one eternal.

As also they are not three incomprehensibles, nor three uncreated: but one uncreated, and one incomprehensible.

So likewise the Father is Almighty, the Son Almighty, and the Holy Ghost Almighty.

And yet they are not three Almightyes, but one Almighty.

So the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Ghost is God.

And yet they are not three Gods, but one God.

So likewise the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, and the Holy Ghost Lord.

And yet not three Lords, but one Lord.

For as we, according to Christian truth, must acknowledge every Person by Himself to be God and Lord, so are we forbidden by the Christian religion to say, There are three Gods, or three Lords.

The Father is made of none, neither created nor begotten.

The Son is of the Father alone; not made, nor created, but begotten.

The Holy Ghost is of the Father, and of the Son; neither made, nor created, nor begotten, but proceeding.

So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Ghost, not three Holy Ghosts.

And in this Trinity none is afore, or after other; none is greater, or less than another;

But the whole three Persons are co-eternal together, and co-equal.

So that in all things as is aforesaid, the Unity in Trinity, and the Trinity in Unity is to be worshipped.

He therefore that will be saved, must thus think of the Trinity.

Furthermore, it is necessary to everlasting salvation, to believe rightly also in the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

For the right faith is, that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and Man;

God, of the Substance of the Father, begotten before the worlds; and Man, of the substance of his mother, born in the world.

Perfect God, and perfect Man of a reasonable soul and human flesh subsisting.

Equal to the Father as touching his Godhead, and inferior to the Father as touching his humanity.

Who, although he be God and man, yet he is not two, but one Christ;

One, not by conversion of the Godhead into flesh, but by taking of the Manhood into God;

One altogether; not by confusion of Substance but by Unity of Person.

For as the reasonable soul and flesh is one man, so God and Man is one Christ;

Who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead.

He ascended into heaven, he sitteth at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty: from whence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

At whose coming all men shall rise again with their bodies, and shall give account of their works.

And they that have done good shall go into life everlasting, and they that have done evil into everlasting fire.

This is the true Christian faith; which, except a man believe faithfully, he cannot be saved.

CONFESSION OF FAITH.

PRESENTED TO THE INVINCIBLE EMPEROR CHARLES V.

CÆSAR AUGUSTUS, AT THE DIET OF AUGSBURG,

ANNO DOMINI MDXXX.

[This translation is made from the Latin. The words in brackets are added from the German text. The numbers in the margin are designed to facilitate reference.]

"I will speak of thy testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed."

PSALM cxix. 46.

PREFACE TO THE EMPEROR CHARLES V.

Most Invincible Emperor, Cæsar Augustus, Most Clement 1
 Master: Inasmuch as Your Imperial Majesty has summoned a
 Convention of the Empire at Augsburg, to deliberate in regard
 to aid against the Turk, the most atrocious, the hereditary, and
 ancient enemy of the Christian name and religion, in what way,
 to wit, resistance might be made to his rage and assaults, by
 protracted and perpetual preparation for war: Because, more- 2
 over, of dissensions in the matter of our holy religion and Christ-
 ian faith, and in order that in this matter of religion the opin-
 ions and judgments of diverse parties may be heard in each
 other's presence, may be understood and weighed among one
 another, in mutual charity, meekness, and gentleness, that those 3
 things which in the writings on either side have been handled
 or understood amiss, being laid aside and corrected, these things
 may be harmonized and brought back to the one simple truth
 and Christian Concord; so that hereafter the one unfeigned and 4
 true religion may be embraced and preserved by us, so that as
 we are subjects and soldiers of the One Christ, so also, in unity
 and concord, we may live in the one Christian Church: and in- 5
 asmuch as We, the Electors and Princes, whose names are sub-

scribed, together with others who are conjoined with us, in common with other Electors and Princes, and States, have been called to the aforementioned Diet, we have, in order to render most humble obedience to the Imperial Mandate, come early to Augsburg, and with no desire to boast would state that we were among the very first to be present.

When therefore Your Imperial Majesty, among other things, 6
has also at Augsburg, at the very beginning of these sessions caused the proposition to be made to the Princes and States of the Empire, that each of the States of the Empire, in virtue of the Imperial Edict, should propose and offer in the German and in the Latin language its opinion and decision; after discussion 7
on Wednesday we replied to Your Imperial Majesty, that on the following Friday we would offer on our part the Articles of our Confession:

Wherefore, in order that we may do homage to the will of 8
Your Imperial Majesty, we now offer in the matter of religion the Confession of our preachers and of ourselves, the doctrine of which derived from the Holy Scriptures and pure Word of God, they have to this time set forth in our lands, dukedoms, domains, and cities, and have taught in the churches. If the other Elec- 9
tors, Princes, and States of the Empire, should in the writings, to wit, in Latin and German, according to the aforementioned Imperial proposition, produce their opinions in this matter of religion: we here in the presence of Your Imperial Majesty our 10
most Clement Lord, offer ourselves, prepared, in conjunction with the Princes and our friends already designated, to compare views in a kindly manner in regard to mode and ways which may be available, so that as far as may honorably be done, we may agree, and the matter between us of both parts being peacefully discussed, with no hateful contention, by God's help the dissension may be removed, and may be brought back to one true accordant religion (as we are all subjects and soldiers under 11
one Christ, so also we ought to confess one Christ, in accordance with the tenor of the decree of Your Imperial Majesty), and all things should be brought back to the truth of God, which with most fervent prayers we beseech God to grant.

But if, as regards the rest of Electors, Princes, and States, 12
those of the other party, this treatment of the matter of religion, in the manner in which Your Imperial Majesty has wisely thought fit it should be conducted and treated, to wit, with such a mutual presentation of writings and calm conference between us, should not go on, nor be attended by any result; yet shall we leave a clear testimony that in no manner do we evade anything 13
which can tend to promote Christian concord (anything which God and a good conscience allow); and this Your Imperial Majesty and the other Electors and States of the Empire, and all 14
who are moved by a sincere love of religion and concern for it, all who are willing to give an equitable hearing in this matter, will kindly gather and understand from the Confession of ourselves and of ours.

Since, moreover, Your Imperial Majesty has not once only, but 15
repeatedly signified to the Electors, Princes, and other States of the Empire; and at the Diet of Spires, which was held in the year of our Lord 1526, caused to be recited and publicly pro-

claimed, in accordance with the form of Your Imperial instruction and commission given and prescribed: That Your Imperial Majesty in this matter of religion for certain reasons, stated in the name of Your Majesty, was not willing to determine, nor was able to conclude touching anything, but that Your Imperial Majesty would diligently endeavor to have the Roman Pontiff, in accordance with his office, to assemble a General Council: as also the same matter was more amply set forth a year ago in the last public Convention, which was held at Spiers, where through His Highness Ferdinand, King of Bohemia and Hungary, our friend and clement Lord, afterward through the Orator and the Imperial Commissioners, Your Imperial Majesty, among other propositions caused these to be made, that Your Imperial Majesty had known and pondered the resolution to convene a Council, formed by the Representatives of Your Imperial Majesty in the Empire, and by the Imperial President and Counsellors, and by the Legates of other States convened at Ratisbon, and this Your Imperial Majesty also judged that it would be useful to assemble a Council, and because the matters which were to be adjusted at this time between Your Imperial Majesty and the Roman Pontiff were approaching agreement and Christian reconciliation, Your Imperial Majesty did not doubt that, but that the Pope could be induced to summon a General Council: Wherefore Your Imperial Majesty signified that Your Imperial Majesty would endeavor to bring it to pass that the Chief Pontiff, together with Your Imperial Majesty, would consent at the earliest opportunity to issue letters for the convening of such a General Council.

As the event, therefore, has been that in this matter of religion the differences between us and the other party have not been settled in friendship and love, we here present ourselves before Your Imperial Majesty, in all obedience, and in more than mere obedience, ready to compare views, and to defend our cause in such a general, free, and Christian Council, concerning the convening of which there has been concordant action and a determination by agreeing votes on the part of the Electors, Princes, and the other States of the Empire, in all the Imperial Diets which have been held in the reign of Your Imperial Majesty. To this Convention of a General Council, as also to Your Imperial Majesty, we have in the due method and legal form, before made our protestation and appeal in this greatest and gravest of matters. To which appeal both to Your Imperial Majesty and a Council we still adhere; nor do we intend, nor would it be possible for us to forsake it by this or any other document, unless the matter between us and the other party should, in accordance with the tenor of the latest Imperial citation, be compared, settled, and brought to Christian concord, in friendship and love; concerning which appeal we here also make our solemn and public protest.

I.

CHIEF ARTICLES OF FAITH.

ARTICLE I.

Of God.

THE churches with common consent among us, do teach that 1
the decree of the Nicene Synod [Council] concerning the unity
of the divine essence and of the three persons is true, and without
doubt to be believed: to wit, that there is one divine essence
which is called and is God, eternal, without body, indivisible 2
[without part], of infinite power, wisdom, goodness, the Creator
and Preserver of all things, visible and invisible; and yet there
be three persons of the same essence and power, who also are co- 3
eternal, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

And they use the name of person in that signification in which 4
the ecclesiastical writers [the fathers] have used it in this cause,
to signify, not a part or quality in another, but that which prop-
erly subsisteth.

They condemn all heresies which have sprung up against this 5
Article, as the Manichees, who set down two principles, good and
evil; in the same manner the Valentinians, Arians, Eunomians,
Mahometans, and all such like.

They condemn also the Samosatenes, old and new; who when 6
they earnestly contend that there is but one person, do craftily
and wickedly trifle after the manner of Rhetoricians, about the
Word and Holy Ghost, that they are not distinct persons, but
that the Word signifieth a vocal word, and the Spirit a motion
created in things.

ARTICLE II.

Of Original Sin.

Also they teach that after Adam's fall, all men begotten after 1
the common course of nature, are born with sin; that is, without
the fear of God, without trust in him, and with fleshly appetite; 2
and that this disease, or original fault is truly sin, condemning 3
and bringing eternal death now also upon all that are not born
again by baptism and the Holy Spirit.

They condemn the Pelagians, and others, who deny this orig- 4
inal fault to be sin indeed; and who, so as to lessen the glory of
the merits and benefits of Christ, argue that a man may, by the
strength of his own reason, be justified before God.

ARTICLE III.

Of the Son of God, and of the Holy Spirit.

Also they teach that the Word, that is, the Son of God, took 1
unto him man's nature, in the womb of the blessed Virgin Mary,
so that there are two natures, the Divine and the human, insepar- 2
ably joined together in unity of person; one Christ, true God
and true man: who was born of the Virgin Mary, truly suffered
was crucified, dead, and buried, that he might reconcile the

Father unto us, and might be a sacrifice, not only for original 3
guilt, but also for all actual sins of men.

The same also descended into hell, and truly rose again the 4
third day. Afterward he ascended into the heavens, that he
might sit at the right hand of the Father; and reign forever, and
have dominion over all creatures; might sanctify those that be-
lieve in him, by sending the Holy Spirit into their hearts, who
shall rule [purify, strengthen], comfort, and quicken them, and 5
shall defend them against the devil, and the power of sin.

The same Christ shall openly come again, to judge the quick 6
and the dead, according as the Apostles' Creed declareth these
and other things.

ARTICLE IV.

Of Justification.

Also they teach, that men cannot be justified [obtain forgive- 1
ness of sins and righteousness] before God by their own powers,
merits, or works: but are justified freely [of grace] for Christ's 2
sake through faith, when they believe that they are received into
favor, and their sins forgiven for Christ's sake, who by his death
hath satisfied for our sins. This faith doth God impute for right-
eousness before Him, Rom. iii. and iv.

ARTICLE V.

Of the Ministry of the Church.

For the obtaining of this faith, the ministry of teaching the Gos- 1
pel, and administering the Sacraments was instituted [by God].

For by the Word and Sacraments, as by instruments, the Holy 2
Spirit is given; who worketh faith, where and when it pleaseth
God, in those that hear the Gospel, to wit, that God, not for our
merit's sake, but for Christ's sake, doth justify those who believe 3
that they for Christ's sake are received into favor.

They condemn the Anabaptists and others, who imagine that 4
the Holy Spirit is given to men without the outward word,
through their own preparations and works.

ARTICLE VI.

Of New Obedience.

Also they teach that this faith should bring forth good fruits, 1
and that men ought to do the good works commanded of God,
because it is God's will, and not on any confidence of meriting
justification before God by their works.

For remission of sins and justification is apprehended by faith, 2
as also the voice of Christ witnesseth: "When ye have done all
these things, say, We are unprofitable servants."

The same, also, do the ancient writers of the Church teach; 3
for Ambrose saith; "This is ordained of God, that he that believ-
eth in Christ shall be saved, without works, by faith alone, freely
receiving remission of sins."

ARTICLE VII.

Of the Church.

Also they teach, that one holy Church is to continue forever. 1
But the Church is the congregation of saints [the assembly of all

believers], in which the Gospel is rightly taught [purely preached], and the Sacraments are rightly administered [according to the Gospel].

And unto the true unity of the Church, it is sufficient to agree 2 concerning the doctrine of the Gospel and the administration of the Sacraments. Nor is it necessary that human traditions, rites, 3 or ceremonies instituted by men, should be alike everywhere; as St. Paul saith: "There is one faith, one baptism, one God and 4 Father of all."

ARTICLE VIII.

What the Church is.

Though the Church be properly the congregation of saints and 1 true believers, yet seeing that in this life many hypocrites and evil persons are mingled with it, it is lawful to use the Sacraments administered by evil men; according to the voice of Christ: "The Scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat," and the words following. And the Sacraments and the Word are 2 effectual, by reason of the institution and commandment of Christ, though they be delivered by evil men.

They condemn the Donatists and such like, who denied that it 3 is lawful to use the ministry of evil men in the Church, and held that the ministry of evil men is useless and without effect.

ARTICLE IX.

Of Baptism.

Of Baptism they teach, that it is necessary to salvation, and 1 that by Baptism the grace of God is offered, and that children 2 are to be baptized, who by Baptism being offered to God are received into God's favor.

They condemn the Anabaptists who allow not the Baptism of 3 children, and affirm that children are saved without Baptism.

ARTICLE X.

Of the Lord's Supper.

Of the Supper of the Lord they teach that the [true] body and 1 blood of Christ are truly present [under the form of bread and wine], and are [there] communicated to those that eat in the 2 Lord's Supper [and received]. 3

And they disapprove of those that teach otherwise [wherefore 4 also the opposite doctrine is rejected].

ARTICLE XI.

Of Confession.

Concerning confession they teach that private absolution be 1 retained in the churches, though enumeration of all offences be not necessary in confession. For it is impossible; according to 2 the Psalm: "Who can understand his errors?"

ARTICLE XII.

Of Repentance.

Touching repentance, they teach that such as have fallen after 1 baptism may find remission of sins, at what time they are con-

verted [when they come to repentance], and that the Church 2 should give absolution unto such as return to repentance.

Now repentance consisteth properly of these two parts: One is 3 contrition, or terrors stricken into the conscience through the 4 acknowledgment of sin: the other is faith, which is conceived by 5 the Gospel, or absolution, and doth believe that for Christ's sake sins be forgiven, and comforteth the conscience, and freeth it from terrors. Then should follow good works, which are fruits 6 of repentance.

They condemn the Anabaptists, who deny that men once justi- 7 fied can lose the Spirit of God, and do contend that some men 8 may attain to such a perfection in this life, that they cannot sin. [Here are rejected those who teach that those who have once been holy cannot fall again.] The Novatians are also con- 9 demned, who would not absolve such as had fallen after baptism, though they returned to repentance. They also that do not 10 teach that remission of sins is obtained by faith, and who command us to merit grace by satisfactions are rejected.

ARTICLE XIII.

Of the Use of Sacraments.

Concerning the use of the Sacraments, they teach that they 1 were ordained, not only to be marks of profession amongst men, but rather that they should be signs and testimonies of the will of God towards us, set forth unto us, to stir up and confirm faith in such as use them. Therefore men must use Sacraments so, as to 2 join faith with them, which believes the promises that are offered and declared unto us by the Sacraments.

Wherefore they condemn those that teach that the Sacraments 3 do justify by the work done, and do not teach that faith which believes the remission of sins is requisite in the use of Sacraments.

ARTICLE XIV.

Of Ecclesiastical Orders.

Concerning Ecclesiastical Orders [Church Government], they 1 teach, that no man should publicly in the Church teach or administer the Sacraments, except he be rightly called [without a regular call].

ARTICLE XV.

Of Ecclesiastical Rites.

Concerning Ecclesiastical rites, they teach, that those rites are 1 to be observed, which may be observed without sin, and are profitable for tranquillity and good order in the Church; such as are set holidays, feasts, and such like. Yet concerning such 2 things men are to be admonished, that consciences are not to be burdened as if such service were necessary to salvation.

They are also to be admonished that human traditions, insti- 3 tuted to propitiate God, to merit grace and make satisfaction for sins, are opposed to the Gospel and the doctrine of faith. Wherefore vows and traditions concerning food and days, and such 4 like, instituted to merit grace and make satisfaction for sins, are useless and contrary to the Gospel.

ARTICLE XVI.

Of Civil Affairs.

Concerning civil affairs, they teach that such civil ordinances 1
as are lawful, are good works of God; that Christians may law- 2
fully bear civil office, sit in judgments, determine matters by the
imperial laws, and other laws in present force, appoint just pun-
ishments, engage in just war, act as soldiers, make legal barg-
ains and contracts, hold property, take an oath when the mag-
istrates require it, marry a wife, or be given in marriage. They 3
condemn the Anabaptists, who forbid Christians these civil of-
fices. They condemn also those that place the perfection of the 4
Gospel, not in the fear of God, and in faith, but in forsaking civil
offices, inasmuch as the Gospel teacheth an everlasting righteous-
ness of the heart. In the meantime, it doth not disallow order 5
and government of commonwealths or families, but requireth es-
pecially the preservation and maintenance thereof, as of God's
own ordinances, and that in such ordinances we should exercise
love. Christians, therefore, must necessarily obey their magis- 6
trates and laws, save only then, when they command any sin;
for then they must rather obey God than men. Acts v. 29.

ARTICLE XVII.

Of Christ's Return to Judgment.

Also they teach that, in the consummation of the world [at 1
the last day], Christ shall appear to judge, and shall raise up all
the dead, and shall give unto the godly and elect, eternal life,
and everlasting joys; but ungodly men and the devils shall he
condemn unto endless torments.

They condemn the Anabaptists, who think that to condemned 2
men and the devils shall be an end of torments. They condemn
others also, who now scatter Jewish opinions, that, before the 3
resurrection of the dead, the godly shall occupy the kingdom of
the world, the wicked being everywhere suppressed [the saints
alone, the pious, shall have a worldly kingdom, and shall exter-
minate all the godless].

ARTICLE XVIII.

Of Free Will.

Concerning free will, they teach, that man's will hath some 1
liberty to work a civil righteousness, and to choose such things
as reason can reach unto: but that it hath no power to work the 2
righteousness of God, or a spiritual righteousness, without the
Spirit of God; because that the natural man receiveth not the
things of the Spirit of God: 1 Cor. ii. 14. But this is wrought in 3
the heart when men do receive the Spirit of God through the
word.

These things are in as many words affirmed by St. Augustine, 4
Hypognosticon, lib. iii.: "We confess, that there is in all men a
free will, which hath indeed the judgment of reason; not that it
is thereby fitted, without God, either to begin or to perform any-
thing in matters pertaining to God, but only in works belonging
to this present life, whether they be good or evil. By good 5
works, I mean those which are of the goodness of nature; as to

will to labor in the field, to desire meat or drink, to desire to have a friend, to desire apparel, to desire to build a house, to marry a wife, to nourish cattle, to learn the art of divers good things, to desire any good thing pertaining to this present life: all which are not without God's government, yea, they are, and 6 had their beginning from God and by God. Among evil things, I account such as these: to will to worship an image; to will 7 manslaughter, and such like."

They condemn the Pelagians, and others, who teach that by 8 the powers of nature alone, without the Spirit of God, we are able to love God above all things; also to perform the commandments of God, as touching the substance of our actions. For 9 although nature be able in some sort to do the external works (for it is able to withhold the hands from theft and murder), yet it cannot work the inward motions, such as the fear of God, trust in God, chastity, patience, and such like.

ARTICLE XIX.

Of the Cause of Sin.

Touching the cause of sin, they teach, that although God doth create and preserve nature, yet the cause of sin is the will of the wicked; to wit, of the devil, and ungodly men; which will, God not aiding, turneth itself from God, as Christ saith, "When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own." John viii. 44.

ARTICLE XX.

Of Good Works.

Ours are falsely accused of forbidding good works. For their 1 writings extant upon the Ten Commandments, and others of the 2 like argument, do bear witness, that they have to good purpose taught concerning every kind of life, and its duties; what kinds of life, and what works in every calling, do please God. Of 3 which things, preachers in former times taught little or nothing: only they urged certain childish and needless works; as, keeping of holidays, set fasts, fraternities, pilgrimages, worshipping of saints, the use of rosaries, monkery, and such like things. Whereof our adversaries having had warning, they do now un- 4 learn them, and do not preach concerning these unprofitable works, as they were wont. Besides, they begin now to make 5 mention of faith, concerning which there was formerly a deep silence. They teach that we are not justified by works alone, 6 but they conjoin faith and works, and say we are justified by faith and works. Which doctrine is more tolerable than the 7 former one, and can afford more consolation than their old doctrine.

Whereas, therefore, the doctrine of faith, which should be the 8 chief one in the Church, hath been so long unknown, as all men must needs grant, that there was the deepest silence about the righteousness of faith in their sermons, and that the doctrine of works was usual in the Churches, for this cause our Divines did thus admonish the Churches:

First, that our works cannot reconcile God, or deserve remis- 9 sion of sins, grace, and justification at his hands, but that these

we obtain by faith only, when we believe that we are received into favor for Christ's sake; who alone is appointed the Mediator and Propitiatory, by whom the Father is reconciled. He, therefore, that trusteth by his works to merit grace, doth despise the merit and grace of Christ, and seeketh by his own power, without Christ, to come unto the Father: whereas Christ hath said expressly of himself, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." John xiv. 6. 10

This doctrine of faith is handled by Paul almost everywhere: "By grace ye are saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God; not of works:" Ephes. ii. 8, 9. And lest any here should cavil, that we bring in a new-found interpretation, this whole cause is sustained by testimonies of the Fathers. Augustine doth in many volumes defend grace, and the righteousness of faith against the merit of works. The like doth Ambrose teach in his book, *De Vocatione Gentium*, and elsewhere; for thus he saith of the calling of the Gentiles: "The redemption made by the blood of Christ would be of small account, and the prerogative of man's works would not give place to the mercy of God, if the justification which is by grace were due to merits going before; so as it should not be the liberality of the giver, but the wages or hire of the laborer." 11 12 13 14

This doctrine though it be contemned of the unskilful, yet godly and fearful consciences find by experience that it bringeth very great comfort: because that consciences cannot be quieted by any works, but by faith alone, when they believe assuredly, that they have a God who is propitiated for Christ's sake; as Paul teacheth, "Being justified by faith, we have peace with God:" Rom. v. 1. This doctrine doth wholly belong to the conflict of a troubled conscience; and cannot be understood, but where the conscience hath felt that conflict. Wherefore, all such as have had no experience thereof, and all that are profane men, who dream that Christian righteousness is naught else but a civil and philosophical righteousness, are poor judges of this matter. 15 16 17 18

Formerly, men's consciences were vexed with the doctrine of works; they did not hear any comfort out of the Gospel. Whereupon conscience drove some into the desert, into Monasteries, hoping there to merit grace by a monastical life. Others devised other works, whereby to merit grace, and to satisfy for sin. There was very great need therefore to teach and renew this doctrine of faith in Christ; to the end that fearful consciences might not want comfort, but might know that grace, and forgiveness of sins, and justification, were received by faith in Christ. 19 20 21 22

Another thing, which we teach men, is, that in this place the name of FAITH doth not only signify a knowledge of the history, which may be in the wicked and in the Devil, but that it signifieth a faith which believeth, not only the history, but also the effect of the history; to wit, the article of remission of sins; namely, that by Christ we have grace, righteousness, and remission of sins. Now, he that knoweth that he hath the Father merciful to him through Christ, this man knoweth God truly: he knoweth that God hath a care of him; he loveth God, and calleth upon him; in a word, he is not without God, as the Gentiles are. 23 24

For the devils and the wicked can never believe this article of 25
the remission of sins: and therefore they hate God as their en-
emy; they call not upon him, they look for no good thing at his
hands. After this manner doth Augustine admonish the reader 26
touching the name of Faith, and teacheth that this word Faith is
taken in Scriptures, not for such a knowledge as is in the wicked,
but for a trust, which doth comfort and lift up disquieted minds.

Moreover, ours teach, that it is necessary to do good works; 27
not that we may trust that we deserve grace by them, but because it
is the will of God that we should do them. By faith alone is appre-
hended remission of sins and grace. And because the Holy Spirit 28
is received by faith, our hearts are now renewed, and so put on 29
new affections, so that they are able to bring forth good works.
For thus saith Ambrose, "Faith is the begetter of a good will, 30
and of good actions." For man's powers, without the Holy
Spirit, are full of wicked affections, and are weaker than that 31
they can do any good deed before God. Besides, they are in the 32
Devil's power, who driveth men forward into divers sins, into
profane opinions, and into heinous crimes: as was to be seen in 33
the philosophers, who, assaying to live an honest life, could not
attain unto it, but were defiled with many heinous crimes. Such
is the weakness of man, when he is without faith and the Holy 34
Spirit, and hath no other guide but the natural powers of man.

Hereby every man may see that this doctrine is not to be ac- 35
cused, as forbidding good works; but rather is much to be com-
mended, because it showeth after what sort we must do good
works. For without faith, the nature of man can by no means 36
perform the works of the First or Second Table. Without faith,
it cannot call upon God, hope in God, bear the cross: but seek- 37
eth help from man, and trusteth in man's help. So it cometh to
pass, that all lusts and human counsels bear sway in the heart so 38
long as faith and trust in God is absent.

Wherefore also Christ saith, "Without me ye can do nothing," 39
John xv. 5, and the Church singeth, "Without thy power is 40
naught in man, naught that is innocent."

ARTICLE XXI.

Of the Worship of Saints.

Touching the worship of saints, they teach, that the memory of 1
saints may be set before us, that we may follow their faith and
good works according to our calling; as the Emperor may follow
David's example in making war to drive away the Turks from
his country: for each of them is a king. But the Scripture
teacheth not to invoke saints, or to ask help of saints, because 2
it propoundeth unto us one Christ the Mediator, Propitiatory,
High Priest, and Intercessor. This Christ is to be invocated, and 3
he hath promised that he will hear our prayers, and liketh this
worship especially, to wit, that he be invocated in all afflictions.
"If any man sin, we have an advocate with God, Jesus Christ
the righteous:" 1 John ii. 1.

This is about the sum of doctrine among us, in which can be 1
seen that there is nothing which is discrepant with the Scriptures,

or with the Church Catholic, or even with the Roman Church, so far as that Church is known from writers [the writings of the Fathers]. This being the case, they judge us harshly who insist that we shall be regarded as heretics. But the dissension is concerning certain [traditions and] abuses, which without any certain authority have crept into the Churches, in which things even if there were some difference, yet would it be a becoming lenity on the part of the bishops, that on account of the Confession which we have now presented, they should bear with us, since not even the Canons are so severe, as to demand the same rites everywhere, nor were the rites of all Churches at any time the same. Although among us in large part the ancient rites are diligently observed. For it is a calumnious falsehood, that all the ceremonies, all the things instituted of old are abolished in our Churches. But the public complaint was, that certain abuses were connected with the rites in common use. These, because they could not with good conscience be approved, have to some extent been corrected

II.

ARTICLES IN WHICH ARE RECOUNTED THE ABUSES WHICH HAVE BEEN CORRECTED.

Inasmuch as the Churches among us dissent in no article of faith from the Church Catholic [the Universal Christian Church], and only omit a few of certain abuses, which are novel [in part have crept in with time, in part have been introduced by violence], and contrary to the purport of the Canons have been received by the fault of the times, we beg that Your Imperial Majesty would clemently hear both what ought to be changed, and what are the reasons that the people ought not to be forced against their consciences to observe those abuses. Nor should Your Imperial Majesty have faith in those who, that they may inflame the hatred of men against us, scatter amazing slanders among the people. In this way the minds of good men being angered at the beginning, they gave occasion to this dissension, and by the same art they now endeavor to increase the discords. For beyond doubt Your Imperial Majesty will find that the form both of doctrines and of ceremonies among us, is far more tolerable than that which these wicked and malicious men describe. The truth, moreover, cannot be gathered from common rumors and the reproaches of enemies. But it is easy to judge this, that nothing is more profitable to preserve the dignity of ceremonies and to nurture reverence and piety among the people, than that the ceremonies should be rightly performed in the Churches.

ARTICLE XXII. (I.)

Of both Kinds [in the Lord's Supper].

Both kinds of the Sacrament in the Lord's Supper are given to the laity, because that this custom hath the commandment of the Lord, "Drink ye all, of this:" Matt. xxvi. 27; where Christ doth

manifestly command concerning the cup, that all should drink. And that no man might cavil, that this doth only pertain to the priests, the example of Paul to the Corinthians witnesseth, that the whole Church did use both kinds in common: 1 Cor. xi. 28. And this custom remained a long time in the Church; neither is it certain, when, or by what authority, it was changed. Cyprian in certain places doth witness, that the blood was given to the people: the same thing doth Jerome testify, saying, "The priests do minister the Eucharist, and communicate the blood of Christ to the people." Nay, Pope Gelasius commandeth, that the Sacrament be not divided: *Dist. 2, De Consecr. Cap. Comperimus*. Only a custom, not thus ancient, doth otherwise. But it is manifest that a custom, brought in contrary to the commandments of God, is not to be approved, as the Canons do witness: *Dist. 8, Cap. Veritate*; with the words which follow. Now this custom has been received, not only against the Scripture, but also against the ancient Canons, and the example of the Church. Therefore if any would rather use both kinds in the Sacrament, they are not to be compelled to do otherwise with the offence of their conscience. And because that the division of the Sacrament doth not agree with the institution of Christ, among us it is the custom to omit that procession which hitherto hath been in use.

ARTICLE XXIII. (II.)

Of the Marriage of Priests.

There was a common complaint of the examples of such priests as were not continent. For which cause also Pope Pius is reported to have said, "that there were certain causes for which marriage was forbidden to priests, but there were many weightier causes why it should be permitted again:" for so Platina writeth. Whereas therefore the priests among us seek to avoid these public offences, they have married wives, and have taught that it is lawful for them to enter into marriage. First, because that Paul saith, "To avoid fornication, let every man have his wife:" again, "It is better to marry than to burn:" 1 Cor. vii. 2, 9. Secondly, Christ saith, "All men cannot receive this word:" Matt. xix. 11; where he sheweth that all men are not fit for a single life, because that God created mankind, male and female: Gen. i. 28. Nor is it in man's power, without a special gift and work of God, to alter His creation. Therefore such as are not meet for a single life, ought to contract marriage. For no law of man, no vow, can take away the commandment of God, and his ordinance. By these reasons the priests do prove that they may lawfully take wives. And it is well known, that in the ancient Churches priests were married. For Paul saith, "that a bishop must be chosen which is a husband:" 1 Tim. iii. 2. And in Germany, the priests were not by violence compelled to live a single life until about four hundred years ago; who then were so wholly bent against the matter, that the Archbishop of Mentz, being about to publish the Pope of Rome's decree to that effect, was almost murdered in a tumult by the priests in their anger. And the matter was handled so rudely, that not only were marriages forbidden for the time to come, but also such as were then contracted, were broken asunder, contrary to all laws divine and

human, contrary to the Canons themselves, that were before made not only by Popes, but also by most famous Councils. And seeing that, as the world decayeth, man's nature by little and little waxeth weaker, it is well to look to it, that no more vices do overspread Germany. Furthermore, God ordained marriage to be a remedy for man's infirmity. The Canons themselves do say, that the old rigor is now and then in latter times to be released because of the weakness of men. Which it were to be wished might be done in this matter also. And if marriage be forbidden any longer, the Churches may at length want pastors.

Seeing then that there is a plain commandment of God; seeing the use of the Church is well known; seeing that impure single life bringeth forth very many offences, adulteries, and other enormities worthy to be punished by the godly magistrate, it is a marvel that greater cruelty should be showed in no other thing, than against the marriage of priests. God hath commanded to honor marriage: the laws in all well-ordered commonwealths, even among the heathen, have adorned marriages with very great honors. But now men are cruelly put to death, yea, and priests also, contrary to the mind of the Canons, for no other cause, but marriage. Paul calleth that "a doctrine of devils," which forbiddeth marriage: 1 Tim. iv. 1; which may now very well be seen, since the forbidding of marriage is maintained by such punishments. But as no law of man can take away the law of God, no more can any vow whatsoever. Therefore Cyprian giveth counsel, that those women should marry, which do not keep their vow of chastity. His words are these, in the 1st Book, the 2d Epistle: "If they will not or are not able to endure, it is far better they should marry, than that they should fall into the fire by their importunate desires. In any wise let them give no offence to their brethren and sisters." Yea, even the Canons show some kind of justice towards such as before their ripe years did vow chastity; as hitherto the use hath for the most part been.

ARTICLE XXIV. (III.)

Of the Mass.

Our Churches are wrongfully accused to have abolished the Mass. For the Mass is retained still among us, and celebrated with great reverence; yea, and almost all the ceremonies that are in use, saving that with the things sung in Latin, we mingle certain things sung in German at various parts of the service, which be added for the people's instruction. For therefore alone we have need of ceremonies, that they may teach the unlearned. This is not only commanded by St. Paul, to use a tongue that the people understand, 1 Cor. xiv. 9, but man's law hath also appointed it. We accustom the people to receive the Sacrament together, if so be any be found fit thereunto; and that is a thing that doth increase the reverence and due estimation of the public ceremonies. For none are admitted, except they be first proved. Besides, we put men in mind of the worthiness and use of the Sacrament, how great comfort it bringeth to fearful consciences; that they may learn to believe God, and to look for and crave all good things at his hands. This worship doth please God: such an use of the Sacrament doth nourish piety towards God. There-

fore it seemeth not that Masses be more religiously celebrated 9
among our adversaries, than with us.

But it is evident, that of long time this hath been the public 10
and most grievous complaint of all good men, that Masses are
basely profaned, being used for gain. And it is not unknown, 11
how far this abuse hath spread itself in all Churches; of what
manner of men Masses are used, only for a reward, or for wages;
and how many do use them against the prohibition of the Canons.
But Paul doth grievously threaten those who treat the Lord's 12
Supper unworthily, saying, "He that eateth this bread or drink-
eth this cup of the Lord unworthily, shall be guilty of the body
and blood of the Lord:" 1 Cor. xi. 27. Therefore, when the
priests among us were admonished of this sin, private Masses 13
were laid aside among us, seeing that for the most part there were
no private Masses but only for lucre's sake. Neither were the 14
bishops ignorant of these abuses, and if they had amended them
in time, there had now been less of dissensions. Heretofore, by
their dissembling, they suffered much corruption to creep into the 15
Church: now they begin, though it be late, to complain of the 16
calamities of the Church; seeing that this tumult was raised up
by no other mean, than by those abuses, which were so evident,
that they could no longer be tolerated. There were many dis-
sensions, concerning the Mass, concerning the Sacrament. And 17
perhaps the world is punished for so long a profaning of Masses, 18
which they, who both could and ought to have amended it, have
so many years tolerated in the Churches. For in the Ten Com- 19
mandments it is written, "The Lord will not hold him guiltless,
that taketh his name in vain:" Exod. xx. 7. And from the 20
beginning of the world, there neither was nor is any divine thing,
which seems so to have been employed for gain, as the Mass.

There was added an opinion, which increased private Masses 21
infinitely; to wit, that Christ by his passion did satisfy for origi-
nal sin, and appointed the Mass, wherein an oblation should be
made for daily sins, both mortal and venial. Hereupon a com-
mon opinion was received, that the Mass is a work, that taketh 22
away the sins of the quick and the dead, and that for the doing
of the work. Here men began to dispute, whether one Mass said 23
for many were of as great force, as particular Masses said for par-
ticular men. This disputation hath brought forth that infinite
multitude of Masses. Our preachers have admonished, concerning 24
these opinions, that they do depart from the Holy Scriptures, and
diminish the glory of the passion of Christ. For the passion of 25
Christ was an oblation and satisfaction, not only for original sin,
but also for all other sins; as it is written in the Epistle to the
Hebrews, x. 10: "We are sanctified through the offering of the body 26
of Jesus Christ once for all:" also, "By one offering he hath per- 27
fected forever them that are sanctified:" Heb. x. 14. The Scripture
also teacheth that we are justified before God through faith in 28
Christ, when we believe that our sins are forgiven for Christ's sake.
Now, if the Mass do take away the sins of the quick and the dead, 29
even for the work's sake that is done, then justification cometh by
the work of Masses, and not by faith; which the Scripture cannot
endure. But Christ commandeth us "to do it in remembrance of
himself:" Luke xxii. 19, therefore the Mass has been instituted, 30
that faith, in them which use the Sacrament, may remember what

benefits it receiveth by Christ, and that it may raise and comfort the fearful conscience. For this is to remember Christ, to wit, 31 to remember his benefits, and to feel and perceive that they be indeed imparted unto us. Nor is it sufficient to call to mind the 32 history; because that the Jews also, and the wicked, can do. Therefore the Mass must be used to this end, that there the Sac- 33 rament may be reached unto them that have need of comfort; as Ambrose saith, "Because I do always sin, therefore I ought always to receive the medicine." And seeing that the Mass is such a communion of the Sacrament, we do observe one common 34 Mass every holyday, and on other days, if any will use the Sacrament, at which times it is offered to them which desire it. Neither is this custom newly brought into the Church. For the 35 ancients, before Gregory's time, make no mention of any private Mass: of the common Mass they speak much. Chrysostom saith, "that the priest doth daily stand at the altar, and call some unto 36 the Communion, and put back others." And by the ancient Canons it is evident that some one did celebrate the Mass, of whom 37 the other elders and deacons did receive the body of the Lord. For so the words of the Nicene Canon do sound: "Let the dea- 38 cons in their order, after the elders, receive the holy Communion of a bishop, or of an elder." And Paul, concerning the Com- 39 munion, commandeth, "that one tarry for another," 1 Cor. xi. 33, that so there may be a common participation. Seeing therefore 40 that the Mass amongst us hath the example of the Church, out of the Scripture, and the Fathers, we trust that it cannot be disapproved; especially since our public ceremonies are kept, the most part, like unto the usual ceremonies: only the number of Masses is not alike, the which, by reason of very great and manifest abuses, it were certainly far better to be moderated. For in times 41 past also, in the Churches whereunto was greatest resort, it was not the use to have Mass said every day; as the Tripartite History, *lib. 9, cap. 38*, doth witness. "Again," saith it, "in Alexandria, every fourth and sixth day of the week, the Scriptures are read, and the doctors do interpret them: and all other things are done also, except only the celebration of the Eucharist."

ARTICLE XXV. (IV.)

Of Confession.

Confession is not abolished in our Churches. For it is not 1 usual to communicate the body of our Lord, except to those who have been previously examined and absolved. And the people are taught most carefully concerning the faith required to abso- 2 lution, about which before these times there has been a deep silence. Men are taught, that they should highly regard Abso- 3 lution, inasmuch as it is God's voice, and pronounced by God's command.

The power of the keys is honored, and mention is made how 4 great consolation it brings to terrified consciences, and that God requires faith, that we believe that absolution as a voice sounding from heaven, and that this faith in Christ truly obtains and receives remission of sins.

Aforetime satisfactions were immoderately extolled: of faith 5 and the merit of Christ, and justification by faith no mention was

made. Wherefore on this point our Churches are by no means to be blamed. For this even our adversaries are compelled to concede in regard to us, that the doctrine of repentance is most diligently treated and laid open by us. 6

But of Confession our Churches teach, that the enumeration of sins is not necessary, nor are consciences to be burdened with the care of enumerating all sins, inasmuch as it is impossible to recount all sins, as the Psalm (xix. 31) testifies: "Who can understand his errors?" So also Jeremiah (xvii. 9): "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked. Who can know it?" But if no sins were remitted except what were recounted, consciences could never find peace, because very many sins they can neither see nor remember. 7 8 9

The ancient writers also testify that the enumeration is not necessary. For in the Decrees Chrysostom is cited, who speaks thus: "I do not say to thee, that thou shouldst discover thyself in public, or accuse thyself before others, but I would have thee obey the prophet when he says: Reveal thy way unto the Lord." Therefore with prayer confess thy sins before God the true Judge. Pronounce thine errors, not with the tongue, but with the memory of thy conscience." And the Gloss (*Of Repentance*, Dist. V., chap. *Consideret*), admits that confession is of human right only [is not commanded in Scripture, but has been instituted by the Church]. 10 11 12

Nevertheless, on account of the very great benefit of absolution, as well as for other uses to the conscience, Confession is retained among us. 13

ARTICLE XXVI. (V.)

Of the Distinction of Meats, and of Traditions.

It hath been a general opinion, not of the people alone, but also of such as are teachers in the Churches, that the differences of meats, and such like human traditions, are works available to merit grace, and are satisfactions for sins. And that the world thus thought is apparent by this: that daily new ceremonies, new orders, new holidays, new fasts, were appointed; and the teachers in the Churches did exact these works as a service necessary to deserve grace; and they did greatly terrify men's consciences, if aught were omitted. 1 2

Of this persuasion concerning traditions, many disadvantages have followed in the Church. For first the doctrine of grace is obscured by it, and also the righteousness of faith, which is the principal part of the Gospel, and which it behoveth most of all to stand forth and to have the preëminence in the Church, that the merit of Christ may be well known, and faith, which believeth that sins are remitted for Christ's sake, may be exalted far above works. For which cause also Paul lays much stress on this point: he removeth the law, and human traditions, that he may show that the righteousness of Christ is a far other thing than such works as these be, namely, a faith, which believeth that sins are freely remitted for Christ's sake. But this doctrine of Paul is almost wholly smothered by traditions, which have bred an opinion, that, by making difference in meats, and such like services, a man should merit grace and justification. In their doctrine of repentance there was no mention of faith; only these works of satis- 3 4 5 6 7

faction were spoken of: repentance seemed to consist wholly in these.

Secondly, these traditions obscured the commandments of God, 8 because traditions were preferred far above the commandments of God. All Christianity was thought to be an observance of certain holidays, rites, fasts, and attire. These observances were in pos- 9 session of a most goodly title, namely, that they were the spiritual life, and the perfect life. In the meantime, God's command- 10 ments, touching every man's calling, were of small estimation. That the father brought up his children, that the mother nurtured them, that the prince governed the commonwealth: these were reputed worldly affairs, and imperfect, and far inferior to those glittering observances. And this error did greatly torment pious consciences, which were grieved that they were held by an im- 11 perfect kind of life, in marriage, in magistracy, or in other civil functions. They had the monks, and such like, in admiration, and falsely imagined that the observances of these men were more grateful to God than their own.

Thirdly, traditions brought great danger to men's consciences, 12 because it was impossible to keep all traditions, and yet men thought the observance of them to be necessary services. Gerson writeth, "that many fell into despair, and some murdered 13 themselves, because they perceived that they could not keep the traditions:" and all this while, they never heard the comfort of the righteousness of faith, or of grace. We see the Summists and divines gather together the traditions, and seek qualifications 14 of them, to unburden men's consciences: and yet all will not serve, but meantime they bring more snares upon the conscience. The schools and pulpits have been so busied in gathering together 15 the traditions, that they had not leisure to touch the Scripture, and to seek out a more profitable doctrine, of faith, of the cross, of hope, of the dignity of civil affairs, of the comfort of conscience in arduous trials. Wherefore Gerson, and some other divines, 16 have made grievous complaints, that they were hindered by these strifes about traditions, so that they could not be occupied in some better kind of doctrine. And Augustine forbiddeth that 17 men's consciences should be burdened with observances of this kind, and doth very prudently warn Januarius to know, that they are to be observed as things indifferent; for he so speaketh. Wherefore our ministers must not be thought to have touched 18 this matter rashly, or from hatred of the bishops, as some do falsely surmise. There was great need to admonish the Churches of those errors, which did arise from mistaking of traditions: for 19 the Gospel compelleth men to urge the doctrine of grace, and of the righteousness of faith, in the Church; which yet can never be 20 understood, if men suppose that they can merit remission of sins, and justification, by observances of their own choice. Thus therefore they teach us, that we cannot merit grace, or justifi- 21 cation, by the observance of man's traditions; and therefore we must not think that such observances are necessary service. Hereunto they add testimonies out of the Scriptures. Christ ex- 22 cusethe his disciples, which kept not the received tradition (which yet seemed to be about a matter not unlawful, but indifferent, and to have some affinity with the baptisms of the law); and saith, "They worship me in vain with the commandments of men:"

Matt. xv. 9. Christ therefore exacteth no unprofitable service. And a little after, he addeth: "Whatsoever entereth in at the mouth defileth not the man:" ver. 11. So also Paul: "The kingdom of God is not meat and drink:" Rom. xv. 17. "Let no man judge you in meat or drink, or in respect of the Sabbath-days, or of a holiday:" Col. ii. 16. Again: "If ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though ye lived in the world, are ye subject to traditions; Touch not, taste not, handle not?" ver. 20, 21. Peter saith, "Why tempt ye God, laying a yoke upon the necks of the disciples, which neither we, nor our fathers, were able to bear? But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, we shall be saved even as they:" Acts xv. 10, 11. Here Peter forbiddeth to burden the consciences with many rites, whether they be of Moses', or of any others', appointing. And Paul calleth the forbidding of meats, "a doctrine of devils," 1 Tim. iv. 1, because that it is against the Gospel, to appoint or do such works, to the end that by them we may merit grace, or justification, or as though Christianity could not exist without such service.

Here our adversaries object against us, that our ministers hinder all good discipline, and mortification of the flesh; as Jovinian did. But the contrary may be seen by our men's writings. For they have always taught, touching the cross, that Christians ought to bear afflictions. This is the true, earnest, and unfeigned mortification, to be exercised with divers afflictions, and to be crucified with Christ. Moreover they teach, that every Christian must so by bodily discipline, or bodily exercises and labor, exercise and keep himself under, that plenty and sloth do not stimulate him to sin; not that he may by such exercises merit grace, or satisfy for sins. And this corporal discipline should be used always, not only on a few, and set days; according to the commandment of Christ: "Take heed lest your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting:" Luke xxi. 34. Again, "This kind (of devils) goeth not out but by prayer and fasting:" Matt. xvii. 21. And Paul saith, "I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection:" 1 Cor. ix. 27, where he plainly sheweth, that he did therefore chastise his body, not that by that discipline he might merit remission of sins, but that his body might be apt and fit for spiritual things and to do his duty, according to his calling. Therefore we do not condemn fasts themselves, but the traditions which prescribe certain days and certain meats, with danger to the conscience, as though such works as these were a necessary service.

Yet most of the traditions are observed among us, which tend unto this end, that things may be done orderly in the Church; as namely, the order of Lessons in the Mass, and the chiefest holidays. But, in the meantime, men are admonished, that such a service doth not justify before God, and that it is not to be supposed there is sin in such things if they be left undone without scandal. This liberty in human rites and ceremonies was not unknown to the Fathers. For in the East they kept Easter at another time than they did in Rome: and when they of Rome accused the East of schism for this diversity, they were admonished by others, that such customs need not be alike everywhere. And Irenæus saith: "The disagreement about fasting doth not break off the agreement of faith." Besides, Pope Gregory, in the

12th Distinction, intimates, that such diversity doth not hurt the unity of the Church: and in the *Tripartite History*, lib. 9, many 45 examples of dissimilar rites are gathered together, and these words are there rehearsed, "The mind of the Apostles was, not to give precepts concerning holidays, but to preach godliness and a holy life [faith and love]."

ARTICLE XXVII. (VI.)

Of Monastic Vows.

What is taught amongst us touching the Vows of Monks will 1 be better understood, if one call to mind what was the state of monasteries, and how many things were every day committed in the monasteries, contrary to the Canons. In Augustine's time, 2 cloister-fraternities were free; but afterward, when discipline was corrupted, vows were everywhere laid upon them, that, as it were in a newly-devised prison, the discipline might be restored again. Over and besides vows, many other observances by little and little 3 were added. And these bands and snares were cast upon many, 4 before they came to ripe years, contrary to the Canons. Many 5 through error fell into this kind of life unawares, who, though they wanted not years, yet they wanted discretion to judge of their strength and ability. They who were once got within these 6 nets, were constrained to abide in them, though, by the benefit of the Canons, some might be set at liberty. And that fell out 7 rather in the monasteries of nuns than of monks; although the weaker sex ought more to have been spared. This rigor and se- 8 verity displeased many good men heretofore, when they saw young maids and young men thrust into monasteries, there to get their living. They saw what an unhappy issue this counsel had, what offences it bred, and what snares it laid upon consciences. They were grieved that the authority of the Canons was wholly 9 neglected and contemned in a thing most dangerous. To all 10 these evils there was added such a persuasion concerning vows, as, it is well known, did in former times displease the monks themselves, if any of them were somewhat wiser than the rest. They taught that vows were equal to baptism: they taught that 11 by this kind of life they merited remission of sins, and justification before God; yea, they added, that the monk's life did not 12 only merit righteousness before God, but more than that, because it observed, not only the commandments, but also the counsels of the Gospel. And thus they taught, that the monk's profession 13 was better than baptism, that the monk's life did merit more than the life of magistrates, of pastors, and such like, who, in obedience to God's commandment, followed their calling, without any such religions of man's making. None of these things can 14 be denied: they are to be seen in their writings. What occurred afterward in the monasteries? In old time they were schools for 15 the study of sacred letters, and other branches of knowledge, which were profitable to the Church; and thence were pastors and bishops taken: but now the case is altered. It is needless to rehearse what is notorious. In old time they came together 16 into such places to learn: but now they feign that it is a kind of life taken up to merit remission of sins, and justification; yea, they say it is a state of perfection, and prefer it to all other kinds

of life, the kinds that God ordained. We have therefore mentioned these things, not to excite odium, exaggerating nothing, to the end that the doctrine of our Churches touching this matter might be understood.

First, concerning such as contract marriage, thus they teach among us: that it is lawful for any to marry, that are not adapted for a single life; forasmuch as vows cannot take away God's ordinance and commandment. The commandment of God is, "To avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife:" 1 Cor. vii: 2. And not only the commandment, but also the creation and ordinance of God, compelleth such unto marriage, as without the special work of God are not exempted: according to that saying, "It is not good for man to be alone:" Gen. ii: 18. They therefore that are obedient to this commandment and ordinance of God, do not sin.

What can be said against these things? Let a man exaggerate the bond of a vow as much as he will, yet can he never bring to pass that the vow shall take away God's commandment. The Canons teach, "that in every vow the right of the superior is excepted:" much less therefore can these vows, which are contrary to God's commandment, be of force.

If so be that the obligation of vows has no cause why it might be changed, then could not the Roman Pontiffs have dispensed therewith. For neither is it lawful for man to disannul that bond, which doth simply belong to the law of God. But the Roman Pontiffs have judged very prudently, that in this obligation there must equity be used: therefore they often, as we read, have dispensed with vows. The history of the King of Arragon, being called back out of a monastery, is well known; and there are examples in our own time.

Secondly, why do our adversaries exaggerate the obligation, or the effect of the vow; when in the meantime they speak not a word of the very nature of a vow, that it ought to be in a thing possible, ought to be voluntary, and taken up of a man's own accord, and with deliberation? But it is not unknown, how far perpetual chastity is in the power of a man. And how many a one amongst them is there, that doth vow of his own accord, and well advised? Maidens and youths, before they know how to judge, are persuaded, yea, sometimes also compelled, to vow. Wherefore it is not meet to dispute so rigorously of the obligation, seeing that all men confess, that it is against the nature of a vow, that it is not done of a man's own accord, nor advisedly.

The Canons for the the most part disannul vows, which are made before fifteen years of age; because that, before one come to that age, there seemeth not to be so much judgment, that determination may be made concerning a perpetual life. Another Canon, permitting more to the weakness of men, doth add some years more; for it forbiddeth a vow to be made, before one be eighteen years of age. But which of these shall we follow? The greatest part have this excuse for forsaking monasteries, because most of them vowed before they came to this age.

Last of all, even though the breaking of a vow were to be reprehended, yet it seems not to follow directly that the marriages of such persons are to be dissolved. For Augustine, in his 27th quest. 1st chapt. *Of Marriages*, doth deny that they ought to be

dissolved: and his authority is not lightly to be esteemed, although others afterward have thought otherwise. And although the commandment of God, touching wedlock, doth free most men from vows; yet our teachers do also bring another reason concerning vows, to show that they are void: because that all the worship of God, instituted of men without the commandment of God, and chosen to merit remission of sins, and justification, is wicked; as Christ saith: "In vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men:" Matt. xv. 9. And Paul doth everywhere teach, that righteousness is not to be sought of our own observances, and services which are devised by men; but that it cometh by faith to those that believe that they are received into favor by God for Christ's sake. But it is evident that the monks did teach, that these counterfeited religions satisfy for sins, and merit grace and justification. What else is this, than to detract from the glory of Christ, and to obscure and deny the righteousness of faith? Wherefore it followeth, that these common vows were wicked services, and are therefore void. For a wicked vow, and that which is made against the commandments of God, is one of no force; neither, as the Canon saith, ought a vow to be a bond of iniquity. Paul saith, "Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace:" Gal. v. 4. They therefore who wish to be justified by vows, are made void of Christ, and fall from grace. For they also who attribute justification to their vows, attribute to their own works what properly belongs to the glory of Christ. Nor truly can it be denied, that the monks taught that they are justified by their vows and observances, and merit the remission of sins; nay, they invented yet greater absurdities, and said they could transfer their good works to others. If any man wished to expand these things, so as to excite odium, how many things might he rehearse, whereof the monks themselves are now ashamed! Moreover, they would persuade men that these invented religious orders are a state of Christian perfection. Or is this not attributing justification to works? It is no light offence in the Church to propound unto the people a certain service devised by men, without the commandment of God, and to teach that such a service doth justify men: because that the righteousness of faith which ought especially to be taught in the Church, is obscured, when those marvellous religions of angels, the pretence of poverty and humility, and of celibacy, are cast before men's eyes. Moreover the commandments of God, and the true worship of God, are obscured, when men hear that monks alone are in that state of perfection: because that Christian perfection is this, to fear God sincerely, and again, to conceive great faith, and to trust assuredly that God is pacified toward us, for Christ's sake; to ask, and certainly to look for, help from God in all our affairs, according to our calling; and outwardly to do good works diligently, and to attend to our vocation. In these things doth true perfection and the true worship of God consist: it doth not consist in singleness of life, in beggary, or in vile apparel.

The people doth also conceive many pernicious opinions from these false commendations of the monastic life. They hear celibacy praised above measure: therefore with offence of conscience

they live in marriage. They hear that mendicants only are perfect: therefore with offence of conscience they keep their possessions, and buy and sell. They hear that the Gospel only giveth counsel not to take revenge: therefore some in private life are not afraid to avenge themselves; for they hear that it is a counsel, not a commandment. Others do think that all magistracy and civil offices are unworthy a Christian man. We read examples of men, who, forsaking wedlock, and leaving the government of the commonwealth, have hid themselves in monasteries. This they called flying out of the world, and seeking a kind of life which is more acceptable to God: neither did they see that God is to be served in those commandments which he himself hath delivered, not in the commandments which are devised by men. That is a good and perfect kind of life, which hath the commandment of God for it. It is necessary to admonish men of these things. And before these times Gerson did reprehend this error of the monks concerning perfection; and witnesseth, that in his time this was a new saying, that the monastical life is a state of perfection. Thus many wicked opinions do cleave fast unto vows: as that they merit remission of sins and justification, that they are Christian perfection, that they do keep the counsels and commandments, that they have works of supererogation. All these things (seeing they be false and vain) do make vows to be of none effect.

ARTICLE XXVIII. (VII.)

Of Ecclesiastical Power.

There have been great controversies touching the power of bishops: in which many have incommodiously mingled together the Ecclesiastical power, and power of the sword. And out of this confusion there have sprung very great wars and tumults, while that the Pontiffs trusting in the power of the keys, have not only appointed new kinds of service, and burdened men's consciences by reserving of cases, and by violent excommunications; but have also endeavored to transfer worldly kingdoms from one to another, and to despoil emperors of their power and authority. These faults did godly and learned men long since reprehend in the Church; and for that cause, our teachers were compelled, for the comfort of men's consciences, to show the difference between the Ecclesiastical power and the power of the sword. And they have taught that both of them, because of God's commandment, are dutifully to be revered and honored, as the chiefest blessings of God upon earth.

Now, their judgment is this: that the power of the keys, or the power of the bishops, by the rule of the Gospel, is a power, or commandment from God, of preaching the Gospel, of remitting or retaining sins, and of administering the Sacraments. For Christ doth send his Apostles with this charge: "As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you. Receive ye the Holy Ghost: whosoever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whosoever sins ye retain, they are retained:" John xx. 21-23. "Go, and preach the Gospel to every creature," &c.: Mark xvi. 15. This power is put in execution, only by teaching or preaching the Gospel, and administering the Sacraments, either to

many, or to single individuals, in accordance with their call. For thereby not corporal things, but eternal, are granted; as an eternal righteousness, the Holy Ghost, life everlasting. These things cannot be got, but by the ministry of the word and of the Sacraments: as Paul saith: "The Gospel is the power of God to salvation to every one that believeth:" Rom. i. 16. Seeing then that the Ecclesiastical power concerneth things eternal, and is exercised only by the ministry of the word, it hindereth not the political government, any more than the art of singing hinders political government. For the political administration is occupied about other matters than is the Gospel. The magistracy defends not the minds, but the bodies, and bodily things, against manifest injuries; and coerces men by the sword and corporal punishments, that it may uphold civil justice and peace.

Wherefore the Ecclesiastical and civil powers are not to be confounded. The Ecclesiastical power hath its own commandment to preach the Gospel, and administer the Sacraments. Let it not by force enter into the office of another; let it not transfer worldly kingdoms; let it not abrogate the magistrates' laws; let it not withdraw from them lawful obedience; let it not hinder judgments touching any civil ordinances or contracts; let it not prescribe laws to the magistrate, touching the form of the republic; as Christ saith, "My kingdom is not of this world:" John xviii. 36. Again, "Who made me a judge or divider over you?" Luke xii. 14. And Paul saith: "Our conversation [citizenship] is in heaven:" Phil. iii. 20. "The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God, casting down imaginations," &c.: 2 Cor. x. 4. In this way do our teachers distinguish between the duties of each power one from the other, and do warn all men to honor both powers, and to acknowledge both to be the [highest] gift and blessing of God.

If so be that the bishops have any power of the sword, they have it not as bishops by the commandment of the Gospel, but by man's law given unto them of kings and emperors, for the civil government of their goods. This, however, is a kind of function diverse from the ministry of the Gospel.

Therefore, when the question touches the jurisdiction of bishops, government must be distinguished from Ecclesiastical jurisdiction. Again, by the Gospel, or, as they term it, by divine right, bishops, as bishops, that is, those who have the administration of the word and Sacraments committed to them, have no other jurisdiction at all, but only to remit sin, also to take cognizance of [to judge in regard to] doctrine, and to reject doctrine inconsistent with the Gospel, and to exclude from the communion of the Church, without human force, but by the word [of God], those whose wickedness is known. And herein of necessity the Churches ought by Divine right to render obedience unto them; according to the saying of Christ, "He that heareth you, heareth me;" Luke x. 16. But when they teach or determine anything contrary to the Gospel, then have the Churches a commandment of God, which forbiddeth obedience to them: "Beware of false prophets;" Matt. vii. 15. "If an angel from heaven preach any other Gospel, let him be accursed;" Gal. i. 9. "We cannot do anything against the truth, but for the truth:" 2 Cor. xiii. 8. Also, "This power is given us to edify, and not to destroy:" 2

Cor. xiii. 10. So do the Canons command; ii. *quest.* 7, *Cap.* 27
Sacerdotes; and *Cap. Oves.* And Augustine, in his *Treatise against* 28
Petilian's Epistle, saith, "Neither must we subscribe to Catholic
 bishops, if they chance to err, or determine anything contrary to
 the canonical Scriptures."

If so be that they have any other power or jurisdiction, in 29
 hearing and understanding certain cases, as namely, of Matrimony,
 and Tithes, &c., they hold it by human right. But when
 the ordinaries fail [to attend to this office], princes are constrained,
 whether they wish to do so or not, to declare the law to
 their subjects, for maintaining of peace.

Besides these things, there is a controversy, whether bishops or 30
 pastors have power to institute ceremonies in the Church, and to
 make laws concerning meats, and holidays, and degrees, or orders
 of ministers. They that ascribe this power to the bishops, allege 31
 this testimony for it: "I have yet many things to say unto you,
 but ye cannot bear them now; but when that Spirit of truth
 shall come, he shall teach you all truth:" John xvi. 12, 13.
 They allege also the examples of the Apostles, who commanded 32
 to abstain from blood, and that which was strangled: Acts xv.
 29. They allege the change of the Sabbath into the Lord's day, 33
 contrary, as it seemeth, to the Decalogue; and they have no example
 more in their mouths, than the change of the Sabbath.
 They will needs have the Church's power to be very great, because
 it hath dispensed with a precept of the Decalogue.

But of this question ours do thus teach: that the bishops have 34
 no power to ordain anything contrary to the Gospel, as was
 showed before. The same also do the Canons teach, *Distinct.* 9.
 Moreover it is against the Scripture, to ordain or require the observation 35
 of any traditions, to the end that we may merit remission
 of sins, and satisfy for sins by them. For the glory of 36
 Christ's merit suffers, when we seek by such observances to merit
 justification. And it is very apparent, that through this persuasion 37
 traditions grew into an infinite number in the Church. In
 the meanwhile, the doctrine concerning faith, and the righteousness
 of faith was quite suppressed, for thereupon there were new
 holidays made, new fasts appointed, new ceremonies, new worships
 for saints, instituted; because that the authors of such 38
 things supposed by these works to merit grace. After the same
 manner heretofore did the Penitential Canons increase, whereof
 we still see some traces in satisfactions.

Moreover the authors of traditions do contrary to the command 39
 of God, when they find matters of sin in foods, in days and like
 things, and burden the Church with the servitude of the law, as
 if there ought to be among Christians, in order to merit justification,
 a service like the Levitical, the ordination of which God
 has committed to the Apostles and bishops. For this some of 40
 them write, and the Pontiffs in some measure seem to be misled
 by the example of the Law of Moses. From hence are those burdens, 41
 that it is mortal sin, even without offence to others, to do
 manual labor on the festivals, that it is a mortal sin to omit the
 Canonical Hours, that certain foods defile the conscience, that
 fastings are works which appease God; that sin, in a reserved case,
 cannot be pardoned, but by the authority of him that reserved
 it; whereas the Canons speak only of reserving of Ecclesiastical

penalty, and not of the reserving of the fault. Whence, then, 42
 have the bishops power and authority of imposing these traditions
 upon the Churches, for the ensnaring of men's consciences, when
 Peter forbids (Acts xv. 10) "to put a yoke upon the neck of the
 disciples," and St. Paul says (2 Cor. xiii. 10) that the power given
 him was to edification, not to destruction? Why, therefore, do
 they increase sins by these traditions? For there are divers clear 43
 testimonies, which prohibit the making of such traditions, either
 to merit grace, or as things necessary to salvation. Paul saith to 44
 the Colossians, "Let no man judge you in meat, or in drink, or
 in respect of an holiday, or of the new moon, or of the Sabbath
 days:" Col. ii. 16. Again, "If ye be dead with Christ from the 45
 rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are
 ye subject to ordinances (Touch not, taste not, handle not?
 which all are to perish with the using), after the commandments
 and doctrines of men? which things indeed have a show of wis-
 dom:" Col. ii. 20-23. And to Titus he doth plainly forbid tradi- 46
 tions: for he saith, "Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and to
 commandments of men, that turn from the truth:" Tit. i. 14.
 And Christ saith of them, which urge traditions, "Let them 47
 alone; they be blind leaders of the blind:" Matt. xv. 14. And
 he condemneth such services: "Every plant which my heavenly 48
 Father hath not planted shall be rooted up:" ver. 13. If bishops 49
 have authority to burden the Churches with innumerable tradi-
 tions, and to snare men's consciences, why doth the Scripture so
 oft forbid to make and to listen to traditions? Why doth it call
 them the doctrines of devils? 1 Tim. iv. 1. Hath the Holy Ghost
 warned us of them to no purpose?

It remaineth, then, that (seeing ordinances, constituted as 50
 necessary, or with the opinion of meriting grace, are repugnant to
 the Gospel) it is not lawful for any bishops to institute or exact
 such worship. For it is necessary that the doctrine of Christian 51
 liberty should be maintained in the Churches [Christendom];
 that the bondage of the law is not necessary unto justification, as
 it is written to the Galatians, "Be not entangled again with the
 yoke of bondage:" Gal. v. 1. It is necessary that the chiefest 52
 point of all the Gospel should be holden fast, that we do freely
 obtain grace by faith in Christ, not because of certain obser-
 vances, or of services devised by men.

What is then to be thought of the Lord's day, and of like rites 53
 of temples? Hereunto they [ours] answer, that it is lawful for
 bishops or pastors to make ordinances, whereby things may be
 done in order in the Church; not that by them we may merit
 grace, or satisfy for sins, or that men's consciences should be
 bound to esteem them as necessary services, and think that they
 sin when they violate them without the offence of others. So 54
 Paul ordained, "That women should cover their heads in the con-
 gregation:" 1 Cor. xi. 6; "That the interpreters of Scripture
 should be heard in order in the Church:" 1 Cor. xiv. 27.

Such ordinances it behooveth the Churches to keep for charity 55
 and quietness' sake, so that one offend not another, that all
 things may be done in order, and without tumult in the Church,
 1 Cor. xiv. 40, and Phil. ii. 14, but so that consciences be not 56
 burdened, so as to account them as things necessary to salvation,
 and think they sin when they violate them without offence of

others : as no one would say that a woman sins, if she went into public with her head uncovered, provided it were without the offence of men.

Such is the observation of the Lord's day, of Easter, of Pentecost, and like holidays and rites. For they that think that the observation of the Lord's day was appointed by the authority of the Church, instead of the Sabbath, as necessary, are greatly deceived. The Scripture, which teacheth that all the Mosaical ceremonies can be omitted after the Gospel is revealed, has abrogated the Sabbath. And yet, because it was requisite to appoint a certain day, that the people might know when they ought to come together, it appears that the [Christian] Church did for that purpose appoint the Lord's day : which for this cause also seemed to have been pleasing, that men might have an example of Christian liberty, and might know that the observation, neither of the Sabbath, nor of any other day, was of necessity.

There are certain marvellous disputations touching the changing of the law, and the ceremonies of the new law, and the change of the Sabbath : which all arose from the false persuasion, that there should be a service in the Church, like to the Levitical ; and that Christ committed to the Apostles and bishops, the devising new ceremonies, which should be necessary to salvation. These errors crept into the Church, when the righteousness of faith was not plainly enough taught. Some dispute, that the observation of the Lord's day is not indeed of the law of God, *but as it were* of the law of God : and touching holidays, they prescribe how far it is lawful to work in them. What else are such disputations, but snares for men's consciences ? For though they seek to moderate traditions, yet the equity of them can never be perceived, so long as the opinion of necessity remaineth ; which must needs remain, where the righteousness of faith, and Christian liberty are not known.

The Apostles commanded to abstain from blood : Acts xv. 29. Who observeth that, nowadays ? And yet they do not sin that observe it not. For the Apostles themselves would not burden men's consciences with such a servitude : but they forbade it for a time, because of scandal. For in the decree, the will of the Gospel is always to be considered. Scarcely any Canons are precisely kept : and many grow out of use daily, yea, even among them that do most busily defend traditions. Neither can there be sufficient care had of men's consciences, except this equity be kept, that men should know that such rites are not to be observed with any opinion of necessity, and that men's consciences are not hurt, though traditions grow out of use.

The bishops might easily retain lawful obedience, if they would not urge men to observe such traditions as cannot be kept with a good conscience. Now they command single life ; and they admit none, except they will swear not to teach the pure doctrine of the Gospel. The Churches do not desire of the bishops, that they would repair peace and concord with the loss of their honor (which yet good pastors ought to do) : they only desire that they would remit unjust burdens, which are both new, and received contrary to the custom of the Catholic [Christian Universal] Church. It may well be, that some constitutions had some probable reasons, when they began, which yet will not agree to latter

times. It is evident that some were received through error. 74
 Wherefore it were a matter for the pontifical gentleness to miti-
 gate them now; for such a change would not overthrow the
 unity of the Church. For many human traditions have been
 changed in time, as the Canons themselves declare. But if it 75
 cannot be obtained, that those observances may be relaxed, which
 cannot be kept without sin, then must we follow the Apostles'
 rule which willeth "to obey God rather than men:" Acts v. 29.
 Peter forbiddeth bishops to be lords, and to be imperious over the 76
 Churches: 1 Pet. v. 3. Now our meaning is not to have rule 77
 taken from the bishops: but this one thing only is requested at
 their hands, that they would suffer the Gospel to be purely
 taught, and that they would relax a few observances, which
 cannot be held without sin. But if they will remit none, let
 them look how they will give account to God for this, that by
 their obstinacy they afford cause of schism.

CONCLUSION.

These are the principal articles which seem to be matters of 1
 controversy. For although we might speak of more abuses, yet
 that we may avoid undue length, we have embraced a few,
 whereby it is easy to judge of the others. Great have been the 2
 complaints about indulgences, about pilgrimages, about the abuse
 of excommunication. The Parishes have been vexed in manifold
 ways by the stationarii. Endless contentions have arisen be-
 tween the pastors and the monks about parochial law, about con-
 fession, about burials, about sermons on extraordinary occasions,
 and about other things without number. Things of this sort we 3
 pass over, that those which are chief in this matter being briefly
 set forth may more easily be noted. Nor has anything been here 4
 said or adduced for the purpose of casting reproach on any one.
 Those things also have been enumerated, which it seemed neces- 5
 sary to say, that it might be understood, that in doctrine and
 ceremonials among us there is nothing received contrary to Scrip-
 ture or to the Catholic [Universal Christian] Church, inasmuch
 as it is manifest that we have diligently taken heed that no
 new and godless doctrines should creep into our Churches.

In accordance with the Edict of His Imperial Majesty, we wish 6
 to present these articles above written, in which is our Confes-
 sion, and in which is seen a summary of the doctrine of those
 who teach among us. If anything be lacking in this Confession, 7
 we are prepared, God willing, to present ampler information, in
 accordance with the Scriptures.

Your Imperial Majesty's

most faithful and humble,

JOHN, Duke of Saxony, Elector.

GEORGE, Margrave of Brandenburg.

ERNEST, Duke of Luneburg.

PHILIP, Landgrave of Hesse.

JOHN FREDERICK, Duke of Saxony.

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THE SMALL CATECHISM

OF

DR. MARTIN LUTHER.

PREFACE OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER.

*Martin Luther to all faithful and godly pastors and preachers, Grace,
Mercy and Peace, in Jesus Christ, our Lord!*

THE deplorable condition in which I found religious affairs during a recent visitation of the congregations, has impelled me to publish this Catechism, or statement of the Christian doctrine, after having prepared it in very brief and simple terms. Alas! what misery I beheld! The people, especially those who live in the villages, seem to have no knowledge whatever of Christian doctrine, and many of the pastors are ignorant and incompetent teachers. And, nevertheless, they all maintain that they are Christians, that they have been baptized, and that they have received the Lord's Supper. Yet they cannot recite the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, or the Ten Commandments; they live as if they were irrational creatures, and now that the Gospel has come to them, they grossly abuse their Christian liberty.

Ye bishops! what answer will ye give to Christ for having so shamefully neglected the people, and paid no attention to the duties of your office? I invoke no evil on your heads. But you withhold the cup in the Lord's Supper, insist on the observance of your human laws, and yet, at the same time, do not take the least interest in teaching the people the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, the Ten Commandments, or any other part of the word of God. Woe unto you!

Wherefore I beseech you in the name of God, my beloved brethren, who are pastors or preachers, to engage heartily in the discharge of duties of your office, to have mercy on the people who are entrusted to your care, and to assist us in introducing the Catechism among them, and especially among the young. And if any of you do not possess the necessary qualifications, I beseech you to take at least the following forms, and read them, word for word, to the people, on this wise:—

In the first place; let the preacher take the utmost care to avoid all changes or variations in the text and wording of the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, the Sacraments, etc. Let him, on the contrary, take each of the forms respectively, adhere to it, and repeat it anew, year after year. For young and inexperienced people cannot be successfully instructed, unless we adhere to the same text or the same forms of expression. They easily become confused, when the teacher at one time employs a certain form of

words and expressions, and, at another, apparently with a view to make improvements, adopts a different form. The result of such a course will be, that all the time and labor which we have expended will be lost.

This point was well understood by our venerable fathers, who were accustomed to use the same words in teaching the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. We, too, should follow this plan when we teach these things, particularly in the case of the young and ignorant, not changing a single syllable, nor introducing any variations when, year after year, we recur to these forms and recite them anew before our hearers.

Choose, therefore, the form of words which best pleases you, and adhere to it perpetually. When you preach in the presence of intelligent and learned men, you are at liberty to exhibit your knowledge and skill, and may present and discuss these subjects in all the varied modes which are at your command. But when you are teaching the young, retain the same form and manner without change; teach them, first of all, the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, etc., always presenting the same words of the text, so that those who learn can repeat them after you, and retain them in the memory.

But if any refuse to receive your instructions, tell them plainly that they deny Christ and are not Christians; such persons shall not be admitted to the Lord's Table, nor present a child for Baptism, nor enjoy any of our Christian privileges, but are to be sent back to the pope and his agents, and, indeed, to Satan himself. Their parents and employers should, besides, refuse to furnish them with food and drink, and notify them that the government was disposed to banish from the country all persons of such a rude and intractable character.

For although we cannot, and should not, compel them to exercise faith, we ought, nevertheless, to instruct the great mass with all diligence, so that they may know how to distinguish between right and wrong in their conduct towards those with whom they live, or among whom they desire to earn their living. For whoever desires to reside in a city, and enjoy the rights and privileges which its laws confer, is also bound to know and obey those laws. God grant that such persons may become sincere believers! But if they remain dishonest and vicious, let them at least withhold from public view the vices of their hearts.

In the second place; when those whom you are instructing have become familiar with the words of the text, it is time to teach them to understand the meaning of those words, so that they may become acquainted with the object and purport of the lesson. Then proceed to another of the following forms, or, at your pleasure, choose any other which is brief, and adhere strictly to the same words and forms of expression in the text, without altering a single syllable; besides, allow yourself ample time for the lessons. For it is not necessary that you should, on the same occasion, proceed from the beginning to the end of the several parts; it will be more profitable if you present them separately, in regular succession. When the people have, for instance, at length correctly understood the First Commandment, you may proceed to the Second, and so continue. By neglecting to observe this mode, the people will be overburdened, and be prevented from understanding and retaining in memory any considerable part of the matter communicated to them.

In the third place; when you have thus reached the end of this short Catechism, begin anew with the Large Catechism, and by means of it furnish the people with fuller and more comprehensive explanations. Explain here at large every Commandment, every Petition, and, indeed, every part, showing the duties which they severally impose, and both the advantages which follow the performance of those duties, and also the dangers and losses which result from the neglect of them. Insist in an especial manner on such Commandments or other parts as seem to be most of all misunderstood or neglected by your people. It will, for example, be necessary that you should enforce with the utmost earnestness the Seventh Commandment, which treats of Stealing, when you are teaching workmen, dealers, and even farmers and servants, inasmuch as many of these are guilty of various dishonest and thievish practices. So, too, it will be your duty to explain and apply the Fourth Commandment with great diligence, when you are teaching children and uneducated adults, and to urge them to observe order, to be faithful, obedient and peaceable, as well as to adduce numerous instances mentioned in the Scriptures, which show that God punished such as were guilty in these things, and blessed the obedient.

Here, too, let it be your great aim to urge magistrates and parents to rule wisely, and to educate the children, admonishing them, at the same time, that such duties are imposed on them, and showing them how grievously they sin if they neglect them. For in such a case they overthrow and lay waste alike the kingdom of God and the kingdom of the world, acting as if they were the worst enemies both of God and of man. And show them very plainly the shocking evils of which they are the authors, when they refuse their aid in training up children to be pastors, preachers, writers, etc., and set forth that on account of such sins God will inflict an awful punishment upon them. It is indeed, necessary to preach on these things; for parents and magistrates are guilty of sins in this respect, which are so great that there are no terms in which they can be described. And truly, Satan has a cruel design in fostering these evils.

Finally; inasmuch as the people are now relieved from the tyranny of the pope, they refuse to come to the Lord's Table, and treat it with contempt. On this point, also, it is very necessary that you should give them instructions, while, at the same time, you are to be guided by the following principles: That we are to compel no one to believe, or to receive the Lord's Supper; that we are not to establish any laws on this point, or appoint the time and place; but that we should so preach as to influence the people, without any law adopted by us, to urge, and, as it were, to compel us who are pastors, to administer the Lord's Supper to them. Now this object may be attained, if we address them in the following manner: It is to be feared that he who does not desire to receive the Lord's Supper at least three or four times during the year, despises the Sacrament, and is no Christian. So, too, he is no Christian, who neither believes nor obeys the Gospel; for Christ did not say: "Omit, or despise this," but, "This do ye, as oft as ye drink it," etc. He commands that this should be done, and by no means be neglected and despised. He says: "This do."

Now he who does not highly value the Sacrament, shows thereby that he has no sin, no flesh, no devil, no world, no death, no danger, no hell; that is to say, he does not believe that such evils exist,

although he may be deeply immersed in them, and completely belong to the devil. On the other hand, he needs no grace, no life, no Paradise, no heaven, no Christ, no God, no good thing. For if he believed that he was involved in such evils, and that he was in need of such blessings, he could not refrain from receiving the Sacrament, wherein aid is afforded against such evils, and, again, such blessings are bestowed. It will not be necessary to compel him by the force of any law to approach the Lord's Table; he will hasten to it of his own accord, will compel himself to come, and indeed urge you to administer the Sacrament to him.

Hence, you are by no means to adopt any compulsory law in this case, as the Pope has done. Let it simply be your aim to set forth distinctly the advantages and losses, the wants and the benefits, the dangers and the blessings, which are to be considered in connection with the Sacrament; the people will, doubtless, then seek it without urgent demands on your part. If they still refuse to come forward, let them choose their own ways, and tell them that those who do not regard their own spiritual misery, and do not desire the gracious help of God, belong to Satan. But if you do not give such solemn admonitions, or if you adopt odious compulsory laws on the subject, it is your own fault if the people treat the Sacrament with contempt. Will they not necessarily be slothful, if you are silent and sleep? Therefore consider the subject seriously, ye Pastors and Preachers! Our office has now assumed a very different character from that which it bore under the Pope; it is now of a very grave nature, and is very salutary in its influence. It consequently subjects us to far greater burdens and labors, dangers and temptations, whilst it brings with it an inconsiderable reward, and very little gratitude in the world. But Christ himself will be our reward, if we labor with fidelity. May He grant such mercy unto us who is the Father of all grace, to whom be given thanks and praises through Christ, our Lord, for ever! Amen.

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LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM.

PART I.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS.

In the plain form in which they are to be taught by the Head of a family.

The First Commandment.

I am the Lord thy God. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

[Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.]

What is meant by this Commandment?

Answer. We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

The Second Commandment.

Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

What is meant by this Commandment?

Answer. We should so fear and love God as not to curse, swear, conjure, lie, or deceive, by his name, but call upon him in every time of need, and worship him with prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.

The Third Commandment.

Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

[Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day; wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.]

What is meant by this Commandment?

Answer. We should so fear and love God as not to despise his Word and the preaching of the Gospel, but deem it holy, and willingly hear and learn it.

The Fourth Commandment.

Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

What is meant by this Commandment?

Answer. We should so fear and love God as not to despise nor displease our parents and superiors, but honor, serve, obey, love, and esteem them.

The Fifth Commandment.

Thou shalt not kill.

What is meant by this Commandment?

Answer. We should so fear and love God as not to do our neighbor any bodily harm or injury, but rather assist and comfort him in danger and want.

The Sixth Commandment.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

What is meant by this Commandment?

Answer. We should so fear and love God as to be chaste and pure in our words and deeds, each one also loving and honoring his wife or her husband.

The Seventh Commandment.

Thou shalt not steal.

What is meant by this Commandment?

Answer. We should so fear and love God, as not to rob our neighbor of his money or property, nor bring it into our possession by unfair dealing or fraudulent means, but rather assist him to improve and protect it.

The Eighth Commandment.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

What is meant by this Commandment?

Answer. We should so fear and love God as not deceitfully to belie, betray, slander, nor raise injurious reports against our neighbor, but apologize for him, speak well of him, and put the most charitable construction on all his actions.

The Ninth Commandment.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house.

What is meant by this Commandment?

Answer. We should so fear and love God as not to desire by craftiness to gain possession of our neighbor's inheritance or home, or to obtain it under the pretext of a legal right, but be ready to assist and serve him in the preservation of his own.

The Tenth Commandment.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbor's.

What is meant by this Commandment?

Answer. We should so fear and love God as not to alienate our neighbor's wife from him, entice away his servants, nor let loose his cattle, but use our endeavors that they may remain and discharge their duty to him.

What does God declare concerning all these Commandments?

Answer. He says: I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children under the third and fourth generation of them that hate me: and shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

What is meant by this declaration?

Answer. God threatens to punish all those who transgress these commandments. We should, therefore, dread his displeasure, and not act contrarily to these commandments. But he promises grace and every blessing to all who keep them. We should, therefore, love and trust in him, and cheerfully do what he has commanded us.

PART II.

THE CREED.

In the plain form in which it is to be taught by the Head of a family.

The First Article.

Of Creation.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

What is meant by this Article?

Answer. I believe that God has created me and all that exists; that he has given and still preserves to me my body and soul with all my limbs and senses, my reason and all the faculties of my mind, together with my raiment, food, home, and family, and all my property; that he daily provides me abundantly with all the necessities of life, protects me from all danger, and preserves me and guards me against all evil; all which he does out of pure, paternal, and divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me; for all which I am in duty bound to thank, praise, serve, and obey him. This is most certainly true.

The Second Article.

Of Redemption.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

What is meant by this Article?

Answer. I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord; who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, secured and delivered me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with silver and gold, but with his holy and precious blood, and with his innocent sufferings and death; in order that I might be his, live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness; even as he is risen from the dead, and lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

The Third Article.

Of Sanctification.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body; and the Life everlasting. Amen.

What is meant by this Article?

Answer. I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ my Lord, or come to him; but the Holy Ghost has called me through the gospel, enlightened me by his gifts, and sanctified and preserved me in the true faith; in like manner as he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and preserves it in union with Jesus Christ in the true faith; in which Christian Church he daily forgives abundantly all my sins, and the sins of all believers, and will raise up me and all the dead at the last day, and will grant everlasting life to me and to all who believe in Christ. This is most certainly true.

PART III.

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

In the plain form in which it is to be taught by the Head of a family.

The Introduction.

Our Father who art in heaven.

What is meant by this Introduction?

Answer. God would thereby affectionately encourage us to believe that he is truly our Father, and that we are his children indeed, so that we may call upon him with all cheerfulness and confidence, even as beloved children entreat their affectionate parent.

The First Petition.

Hallowed be thy name.

What is meant by this Petition?

Answer. The name of God is indeed holy in itself; but we pray in this petition that it may be hallowed also by us.

How is this effected?

Answer. When the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, lead holy lives in accordance with it; to this may our blessed Father in heaven help us! But whoever teaches and lives otherwise than as God's Word prescribes, profanes the name of God among us; from this preserve us, Heavenly Father!

The Second Petition.

Thy kingdom come.

What is meant by this Petition?

Answer. The kingdom of God comes indeed of itself, without our prayer; but we pray in this petition that it may come unto us also.

When is this effected?

Answer. When our heavenly Father gives us his Holy Spirit, so that by his grace we believe his holy Word, and live a godly life here on earth, and in heaven for ever.

The Third Petition.

Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

What is meant by this Petition?

Answer. The good and gracious will of God is done indeed without our prayer; but we pray in this petition that it may be done by us also.

When is this effected?

Answer. When God frustrates and brings to naught every evil counsel and purpose, which would hinder us from hallowing the name of God, and prevent his kingdom from coming to us, such as the will of the devil, of the world, and of our own flesh; and when he strengthens us, and keeps us steadfast in his Word and in the faith, even unto our end. This is his gracious and good will.

The Fourth Petition.

Give us this day our daily bread.

What is meant by this Petition?

Answer. God gives indeed without our prayer even to the wicked also their daily bread; but we pray in this petition that he would make us sensible of his benefits, and enable us to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

What is implied in the words: "Our daily bread"?

Answer. All things that pertain to the wants and the support of this present life; such as food, raiment, money, goods, house and land, and other property; a believing spouse and good children; trustworthy servants and faithful magistrates; favorable seasons, peace and health; education and honor; true friends, good neighbors, and the like.

The Fifth Petition.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

What is meant by this Petition ?

Answer. We pray in this petition, that our heavenly Father would not regard our sins, nor deny us our requests on account of them; for we are not worthy of any thing for which we pray, and have not merited it; but that he would grant us all things through grace, although we daily commit much sin, and deserve chastisement alone. We will therefore, on our part, both heartily forgive, and also readily do good to, those who may injure or offend us.

The Sixth Petition.

And lead us not into temptation.

What is meant by this Petition ?

Answer. God indeed tempts no one to sin; but we pray in this petition that God would so guard and preserve us, that the devil, the world, and our own flesh, may not deceive us, nor lead us into error and unbelief, despair, and other great and shameful sins; and that, though we may be thus tempted, we may nevertheless finally prevail and gain the victory.

The Seventh Petition.

But deliver us from evil.

What is meant by this Petition ?

Answer. We pray in this petition, as in a summary, that our heavenly Father would deliver us from all manner of evil, whether it affect the body or soul, property or character, and, at last, when the hour of death shall arrive, grant us a happy end, and graciously take us from this world of sorrow to himself in heaven.

The Conclusion.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

What is meant by the word "Amen" ?

Answer. That I should be assured that such petitions are acceptable to our heavenly Father, and are heard by him; for he himself has commanded us to pray in this manner, and has promised that he will hear us. Amen, Amen, that is, Yea, yea, it shall be so.

PART IV.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM.

In the plain form in which it is to be taught by the Head of a family.

I. What is Baptism ?

Answer. Baptism is not simply water, but it is the water comprehended in God's command, and connected with God's Word.

What is that Word of God ?

Answer. It is that which our Lord Jesus Christ spake, as it is re-

corded in the last chapter of Matthew, verse 19: "Go ye, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

II. *What gifts or benefits does Baptism confer?*

Answer. It worketh forgiveness of sins, delivers from death and the devil, and confers everlasting salvation on all who believe, as the Word and promise of God declare.

What are such words and promises of God?

Answer. Those which our Lord Jesus Christ spake, as they are recorded in the last chapter of Mark, verse 16: "He that believeth and is baptized, shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."

III. *How can water produce such great effects?*

Answer. It is not the water indeed that produces these effects, but the Word of God, which accompanies and is connected with the water, and our faith, which relies on the Word of God connected with the water. For the water, without the Word of God, is simply water and no baptism. But when connected with the Word of God, it is a baptism, that is, a gracious water of life and a "washing of regeneration" in the Holy Ghost; as St. Paul says to Titus, in the third chapter, ver. 5-8: "According to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; that being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. This is a faithful saying."

IV. *What does such baptizing with water signify?*

Answer. It signifies that the old Adam in us is to be drowned and destroyed by daily sorrow and repentance, together with all sins and evil lusts; and that again the new man should daily come forth and rise, that shall live in the presence of God in righteousness and purity for ever.

Where is it so written?

Answer. St. Paul, in the Epistle to the Romans, chapter 6, verse 4, says: "We are buried with Christ by baptism into death; that like as he was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."

OF CONFESSION.

What is Confession?

Answer. Confession consists of two parts: the one is, that we confess our sins; the other, that we receive absolution or forgiveness through the pastor as of God himself, in no wise doubting, but firmly believing that our sins are thus forgiven before God in heaven.

What sins ought we to confess?

Answer. In the presence of God we should acknowledge ourselves guilty of all manner of sins, even of those which we do not ourselves perceive; as we do in the Lord's Prayer. But in the presence of the pastor we should confess those sins alone, of which we have knowledge, and which we feel in our hearts.

Which are these ?

Answer. Here reflect in your condition, according to the Ten Commandments, namely : Whether you are a father or mother, a son or daughter, a master or mistress, a manservant or maidservant—whether you have been disobedient, unfaithful, slothful—whether you have injured any one by words or actions—whether you have stolen, neglected, or wasted aught, or done other evil.

PART V.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR,

OR

THE LORD'S SUPPER.

In the plain form in which it is to be taught by the Head of a family.

What is the Sacrament of the Altar ?

Answer. It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, under the bread and wine, given unto us Christians to eat and to drink, as it was instituted by Christ himself.

Where is it so written ?

Answer. The holy Evangelists, Matthew, Mark, and Luke, together with St. Paul, write thus :

“ Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread : and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat ; this is my body, which is given for you : this do, in remembrance of me.

“ After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it : this cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you, for the remission of sins : this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.”

What benefits are derived from such eating and drinking ?

Answer. They are pointed out in these words : “ Given and shed for you, for the remission of sins.” Namely, through these words, the remission of sins, life and salvation are granted unto us in the Sacrament. For where there is remission of sins, there are also life and salvation.

How can the bodily eating and drinking produce such great effects ?

Answer. The eating and the drinking, indeed, do not produce them, but the words which stand here, namely : “ Given, and shed for you, for the remission of sins.” These words are, besides the bodily eating and drinking, the chief things in the Sacrament : and he who believes these words, has that which they declare and set forth, namely, the remission of sins.

Who is it, then, that receives this Sacrament worthily ?

Answer. Fasting and bodily preparation are indeed a good external discipline ; but he is truly worthy and well prepared, who believes these words : “ Given, and shed for you, for the remission of sins.” But he who does not believe these words, or who doubts, is unworthy and unfit ; for the words : “ For You,” require truly believing hearts.

MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER,

*In the form in which they are to be taught by the Head of a family.***Morning Prayer.**¶ *In the Morning, when thou risest, thou shalt say :*IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
Amen.¶ *Then, kneeling or standing, thou shalt say the Apostles' Creed and the Lord's Prayer.*¶ *Then mayest thou say this Prayer :*I GIVE thanks unto Thee, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ Thy dear Son, that Thou hast protected me through the night from all danger and harm; and I beseech Thee to preserve and keep me, this day also, from all sin and evil; that in all my thoughts, words, and deeds, I may serve and please Thee. Into Thy hands I commend my body and soul, and all that is mine. Let Thy holy angel have charge concerning me, that the wicked one have no power over me. *Amen.*¶ *And then shouldst thou go with joy to thy work, after a Hymn, or the Ten Commandments, or whatever thy devotion may suggest.***Evening Prayer.**¶ *In the Evening, when thou goest to bed, thou shalt say :*IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
Amen.¶ *Then, kneeling or standing, thou shalt say the Apostles' Creed and the Lord's Prayer.*¶ *Then mayest thou say this Prayer :*I GIVE thanks unto Thee, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ Thy dear Son, that Thou hast this day so graciously protected me, and I beseech Thee to forgive me all my sins, and the wrong which I have done, and by Thy great mercy defend me from all the perils and dangers of this night. Into Thy hands I commend my body and soul, and all that is mine. Let Thy holy angel have charge concerning me, that the wicked one have no power over me. *Amen.*¶ *And then lie down in peace, and sleep.*THE BLESSING AND THANKSGIVING AT
TABLE,*In the form in which they are to be taught by the Head of a family.***Grace before Meat.**¶ *Before meat, the members of the family standing at the table reverently and with folded hands, there shall be said :*

THE eyes of all wait upon Thee, O Lord: and Thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest Thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

¶ *Then shall be said the Lord's Prayer, and after that this Prayer :*

O LORD God, heavenly Father, bless unto us these Thy gifts,

which of Thy tender kindness Thou hast bestowed upon us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thanks after Meat.

¶ *After meat, all standing reverently and with folded hands, there shall be said:*

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endureth for ever. He giveth food to all flesh: He giveth to the beast his food, and to the young ravens which cry. He delighteth not in the strength of the horse; He taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man. The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear Him: in those that hope in His mercy.

¶ *Then shall be said the Lord's Prayer, and after that this Prayer.*

WE give thanks to thee, O God our Father, for all Thy benefits, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who with Thee liveth and reigneth, for ever and ever. Amen.

TABLE OF DUTIES,

Or, certain passages of the Scriptures, selected for various orders and conditions of men, wherein their respective duties are set forth.

Bishops, Pastors, and Preachers.

A bishop must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach; not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; one that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; not a novice, but holding fast the faithful Word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers. 1 *Tim.* iii. 2-6; *Tit.* i. 9.

What Duties Hearers Owe their Bishops.

Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel (1 *Cor.* ix. 14). Let him that is taught in the Word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things (*Gal.* vi. 6). Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labor in word and doctrine. For the Scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The laborer is worthy of his reward (1 *Tim.* v. 17, 18). Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy and not with grief; for that is unprofitable for you (*Heb.* xiii. 17).

Magistrates.

Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God; for rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? Do that which is good, and thou

shalt have praise of the same; for he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. *Rom. xiii. 1-4.*

What Duties Subjects Owe Magistrates.

Render therefore unto Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's (*Matt. xxii. 21*). Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers, etc. Wherefore we must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. For this cause pay ye tribute also; for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. Render therefore to all their dues; tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour (*Rom. xiii. 1, 5 ff.*). I exhort, therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men; for kings and for all that are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty (1 *Tim. ii. ff.*). Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, etc. (*Tit. iii. 1*). Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king as supreme; or unto governors as those that are sent, etc. (1 *Pet. ii. 13 f.*)

Husbands.

Ye husbands, dwell with your wives according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered. 1 *Pet. iii. 7*. And be not bitter against them. *Col. iii. 19*.

Wives.

Wives, submit yourselves unto your husbands, as unto the Lord. Even as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement. *Eph. v. 22*; 1 *Pet. iii. 6*.

Parents.

Ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. *Eph. vi. 4*.

Children.

Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honor thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. *Eph. vi. 1-3*.

Male and Female Servants, and Laborers.

Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; with good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men; knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free. *Eph. vi. 5-8*.

Masters and Mistresses.

Ye masters, do the same things unto them, forbearing threatening: knowing that your Master also is in heaven; neither is there respect of persons with him. *Eph. vi. 9.*

Young Persons, in general.

Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility; for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time. *1 Pet. v. 5, 6.*

Widows.

She that is a widow indeed, and desolate, trusteth in God, and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day; but she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth. *1 Tim. v. 5, 6.*

Christians, in general.

Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. Herein are comprehended all the commandments. *Rom. xiii. 9, 10.* And persevere in prayer for all men. *1 Tim. ii. 1, 2.*

When all the members of a household faithfully discharge their respective duties, it will prosper and be happy.

A SELECTION OF HYMNS.

HYMNS.

OPENING HYMNS.

Old Hundred.

L. M.

BEFORE Jehovah's awful throne,
Ye nations, bow with sacred joy;
Know that the Lord is God alone:
He can create, and He destroy.

2 His sovereign power, without our aid,
Made us of clay, and formed us men,
And, when like wandering sheep we strayed,
He brought us to His fold again.

3 We are His people, we His care,
Our souls and all our mortal frame:
What lasting honors shall we rear,
Almighty Maker, to Thy name!

4 We'll crowd Thy gates with thankful songs,
High as the heavens our voices raise;
And earth, with her ten thousand tongues,
Shall fill Thy courts with sounding praise.

5 Wide as the world is Thy command;
Vast as eternity Thy love;
Firm as a rock Thy truth must stand
When rolling years shall cease to move.

2

Psalm cxxii.

C. M.

OH 'twas a joyful sound to hear
Our tribes devoutly say :
"Up, Israel, to the temple haste,
And keep your festal day !"

2 At Salem's courts we must appear,
With our assembled powers,
In strong and beauteous order ranged,
Like her united towers.

3 'Tis thither by divine command,
The tribes of God repair,
Before His ark to celebrate
His name with praise and prayer.

4 Oh pray we then for Salem's peace !
For they shall prosperous be,
Thou holy city of our God,
Who bear true love to thee.

5 May peace within thy sacred walls
A constant guest be found :
With plenty and prosperity
Thy palaces be crowned.

3

Psalm cxxxii.

C. M.

OH with due reverence let us all
To God's abode repair ;
And prostrate at His footstool fall,
Pour out our humble prayer.

2 Arise, O Lord ! and now possess
Thy constant place of rest ;
Be that, not only with Thy ark,
But with Thy presence blessed.

3 Clothe Thou Thy priests with righteousness,
Make Thou Thy saints rejoice ;
And, for Thy servant David's sake,
Hear Thy Anointed's voice.

- 4 Fair Sion does, in God's esteem,
 All other seats excel ;
 His place of everlasting rest,
 Where He desires to dwell.
- 5 Her store th' Almighty will increase,
 Her poor with plenty bless ;
 Her saints shall shout for joy ; her priests
 His saving health confess.

4 Psalm lxxxiv. L. M.

- H**OW pleasant, how divinely fair,
 O Lord of Hosts, Thy dwellings are !
 With long desire my spirit faints,
 To meet th' assemblies of Thy saints.
- 2 My flesh would rest in Thine abode ;
 My panting heart cries out for God :
 My God ! my King ! why should I be
 So far from all my joys and Thee ?
- 3 Blest are the saints, who sit on high,
 Around Thy throne above the sky :
 Thy brightest glories shine above,
 And all their work is praise and love.
- 4 Blest are the souls who find a place
 Within the temple of Thy grace ;
 There they behold Thy gentler rays,
 And seek Thy face and learn Thy praise.
- 5 Blest are the men whose hearts are set
 To find the way to Zion's gate :
 God is their strength ; and through the road
 They lean upon their helper, God.
- 6 Cheerful they walk with growing strength,
 Till all shall meet in heaven at length ;
 Till all before Thy face appear,
 And join in nobler worship there.

5

Humble Request.

P. M., 7.

L ORD, we come before Thee now,
 L At Thy feet we humbly bow ;
 Oh do not our suit disdain ;
 Shall we seek Thee, Lord, in vain ?

- 2 In Thine own appointed way,
 Now we seek Thee, here we stay ;
 Lord, we cannot let Thee go
 Till a blessing Thou bestow.
- 3 Send some message from Thy word
 That may joy and peace afford ;
 Let Thy Spirit now impart
 Full salvation to each heart.
- 4 Comfort those who weep and mourn,
 Let the time of joy return ;
 Those who are cast down, lift up ;
 Make them strong in faith and hope.
- 5 Grant that all may seek and find
 Thee a God supremely kind ;
 Heal the sick, the captive free,
 Let us all rejoice in Thee.

6

God is in this Place.

P. M., 8.

L O, God is here ! let us adore,
 L And own how dreadful is this place ;
 Let all within us feel His power,
 And silent bow before His face ;
 Who know His power, His grace who prove,
 Serve Him with awe, with reverence love.

- 2 Lo, God is here ! Him day and night
 United choirs of angels sing :
 To Him, enthroned above all height,
 Heaven's host their noblest praises bring :
 Disdain not, Lord, our meaner song,
 Who praise Thee with a stammering tongue.

- 3 Being of beings! may our praise
 Thy courts with grateful fragrance fill;
 Still may we stand before Thy face,
 Still hear and do Thy sovereign will;
 To Thee may all our thoughts arise,
 Ceaseless, accepted sacrifice.

7

C. M.

- E**ARLY, my God, without delay,
 I haste to seek Thy face;
 My thirsty spirit faints away,
 Without Thy cheering grace.
- 2 So pilgrims on the scorching sand,
 Beneath a burning sky,
 Long for a cooling stream at hand,
 And they must drink or die.
- 3 I've seen Thy glory and Thy power
 Through all Thy temple shine:
 My God, repeat that heavenly hour,
 That vision so divine.
- 4 Not all the blessings of a feast
 Can please my soul so well,
 As when Thy richer grace I taste,
 And in Thy presence dwell.
- 5 Not life itself, with all its joys,
 Can my best passions move,
 Or raise so high my cheerful voice,
 As Thy forgiving love.

8

The Sabbath Preparatory to Heaven. L. M.

LORD of the Sabbath! hear our vows
 On this Thy day, in this Thy house;
 And own, as grateful sacrifice,
 The songs which from Thy churches rise.

- 2 Thine earthly Sabbaths, Lord! we love;
But there's a nobler rest above:
Thy servants to that rest aspire
With ardent hope and strong desire.
- 3 There languor shall no more oppress;
The heart shall feel no more distress;
No groans shall mingle with the songs
That dwell upon immortal tongues.
- 4 No gloomy cares shall there annoy,
No conscious guilt disturb our joy;
But every doubt and fear shall cease,
And perfect love give perfect peace.
- 5 When shall that glorious day begin,
Beyond the reach of death or sin,
Whose sun shall never more decline,
But with unfading lustre shine?

- WITH one consent let all the earth
To God their cheerful voices raise,
Glad homage pay with awful mirth,
And sing before Him songs of praise.
- 2 Convinced that He is God alone,
From whom both we and all proceed—
We, whom He chooses for His own,
The flock that He vouchsafes to feed.
- 3 Oh enter then His temple gate,
Thence to His courts devoutly press;
And still your grateful hymns repeat,
And still His name with praises bless.
- 4 For He's the Lord, supremely good,
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth, which always firmly stood,
To endless ages shall endure.

10 Psalm c. P. M., 11, 8.

BE joyful in God, all ye lands of the earth,
 Oh serve Him with gladness and fear;
 Exult in His presence with music and mirth,
 With love and devotion draw near.

2 For Jehovah is God, and Jehovah alone,
 Creator and Ruler o'er all;
 And we are His people, His sceptre we own;
 His sheep, and we follow His call.

3 Oh enter His gates with thanksgiving and
 song,
 Your vows in His temple proclaim;
 His praise with melodious accordance pro-
 long,
 And bless His adorable Name.

4 For good is the Lord, inexpressibly good,
 And we are the work of His hand;
 His mercy and truth from eternity stood,
 And shall to eternity stand.

11 *Sabbath.* P. M., 7.

SAFELY through another week
 God has brought us on our way;
 Let us now a blessing seek,
 Waiting in His courts to-day—
 Day of all the week the best;
 Emblem of eternal rest!

2 While we seek supplies of grace,
 Through the dear Redeemer's name,
 Show Thy reconciling face—
 Take away our sins and shame:
 From our worldly cares set free,
 May we rest this day in Thee.

3 Here we're come, Thy name to praise;
 Let us feel Thy presence near:
 May Thy glory meet our eyes,
 While we in Thy house appear:
 Here afford us, Lord, a taste
 Of our everlasting feast.

4 May the gospel's joyful sound
 Conquer sinners, comfort saints;
 Make the fruits of grace abound,
 Bring relief for all complaints:
 Thus let all our Sabbaths prove,
 Till we join the Church above.

12

Delight in Ordinances.

S. M.

WELCOME, sweet day of rest,
 That saw the Lord arise!
 Welcome to this reviving breast,
 And these rejoicing eyes!

2 The King himself comes near,
 To feast His saints to-day;
 Here may we sit, and see Him here,
 And love, and praise, and pray.

3 One day amidst the place
 Where Jesus is within,
 Is better than ten thousand days
 Of pleasure and of sin.

4 My willing soul would stay
 In such a frame as this,
 Till it is called to soar away
 To everlasting bliss.

13

Seeking God.

P. M., 8, 7.

FAR from mortal cares retreating,
 Sordid hopes and fond desires,
 Here, our willing footsteps meeting,
 Every heart to heaven aspires.

From the Fount of glory beaming,
 Light celestial cheers our eyes,
 Mercy from above proclaiming
 Peace and pardon from the skies.

2 Who may share this great salvation?
 Every pure and humble mind;
 Every kindred, tongue and nation,
 From the dross of guilt refined:
 Blessings all around bestowing,
 God withholds His care from none;
 Grace and mercy ever flowing
 From the fountain of His throne.

3 Every stain of guilt abhorring,
 Firm and bold in virtue's cause,
 Still Thy providence adoring,
 Faithful subjects to Thy laws;
 Lord, with favor still attend us,
 Bless us with Thy wondrous love;
 Thou, our Sun, our Shield, defend us;
 All our hope is from above.

TRINITY.

14 *The Thrice Holy One.* P. M., 7.

HOLY, holy, holy Lord
 God of Hosts! when heaven and earth
 Out of darkness at Thy word
 Issued into glorious birth,
 All Thy works before Thee stood,
 And Thine eye beheld them good;
 While they sung with sweet accord,
 Holy, holy, holy Lord.

2 Holy, holy, holy! Thee,
 One Jehovah evermore,

Father, Son, and Spirit! we,
 Dust and ashes, would adore :
 Lightly by the world esteemed,
 From that world by Thee redeemed,
 Sing we here with glad accord,
 Holy, holy, holy Lord!

- 3 Holy, holy, holy! all
 Heaven's triumphant choir shall sing,
 While ransomed nations fall
 At the footstool of their King :
 Then shall saints and seraphim,
 Harps and voices, swell one hymn,
 Blending in sublime accord,
 Holy, holy, holy Lord!

15

Trinity.

L. M.

FATHER of all! whose love profound,
 A ransom for our souls hath found!
 Before Thy throne we sinners bend;
 To us Thy pardoning love extend.

- 2 Almighty Son, incarnate Word,
 Our Prophet, Priest, Redeemer, Lord!
 Before Thy throne we sinners bend;
 To us Thy saving grace extend.

- 3 Eternal Spirit, by whose breath
 The soul is raised from sin and death!
 Before Thy throne we sinners bend;
 To us Thy quickening power extend.

- 4 Jehovah! Father, Spirit, Son,
 Mysterious Godhead, Three in One!
 Before Thy throne we sinners bend;
 Grace, pardon, life to us extend.

16

Trinity Sunday.

L. M.

O HOLY, holy, holy Lord!
 Bright in Thy deeds and in Thy Name;

For ever be Thy Name adored,
Thy glories let the world proclaim.

- 2 O Jesus, Lamb once crucified
To take our load of sins away!
Thine be the hymn that rolls its tide
Along the realms of upper day.
- 3 O Holy Spirit, from above
In streams of light and glory given!
Thou source of ecstasy and love,
Thy praises ring through earth and
heaven.
- 4 O God Triune! to Thee we owe
Our every thought, our every song;
And ever may Thy praises flow
From saint and seraph's burning tongue.

GOD THE FATHER.

ATTRIBUTES.

17 *God Eternal and Unchangeable.* C. M.

GREAT God, how infinite art Thou!
How frail and weak are we!
Let the whole race of creatures bow,
And pay their praise to Thee.

- 2 Thy throne eternal ages stood,
Ere earth or heaven was made;
Thou art the ever-living God,
Were all the nations dead.
- 3 Nature and time all open lie
To Thine immense survey,
From the formation of the sky,
To the last awful day.
- 4 Eternity, with all its years,
Stands present to Thy view;

To Thee there's nothing old appears,
To Thee there's nothing new.

5 Our lives through various scenes are drawn,
And vexed with trifling cares ;
While Thine eternal thought moves on
Thine undisturbed affairs.

6 Great God, how infinite art Thou !
How frail and weak are we !
Let the whole race of creatures bow,
And pay their praise to Thee.

18

God a Spirit.

C. M.

GOD is a Spirit, just and wise ;
He sees our inmost mind :
In vain to heaven we raise our cries,
And leave our hearts behind.

2 Nothing but truth before His throne
With honor can appear ;
The painted hypocrites are known
Through the disguise they wear.

3 Their lifted eyes salute the skies,
Their bending knees the ground ;
But God abhors the sacrifice,
Where not the heart is found.

4 Lord, search our thoughts, and try our
ways,
And make our soul sincere ;
Then shall we stand before Thy face,
And find acceptance there.

19

The Eternal and Sovereign God.

L. M.

JEHOVAH reigns ; He dwells in light,
Girded with majesty and might ;
The world, created by His hands,
Still on its first foundation stands.

- 2 But ere this spacious world was made,
Or had its first foundations laid,
Thy throne eternal ages stood,
Thyself, the ever-living God.
- 3 Like floods, the angry nations rise,
And aim their rage against the skies:
Vain floods—that aim their rage so high!
At Thy rebuke the billows die.
- 4 For ever shall Thy throne endure;
Thy promise stands for ever sure:
And everlasting holiness
Becomes the dwellings of Thy grace.

20 *God exalted above all Praise.* C. P. M.

- PARENT of good! Thy works of might
I trace with wonder and delight;
Thy name is all divine.
There's naught in earth, or sea, or air,
Or heaven itself, that's good or fair,
But what is wholly Thine.
- 2 Immensely high Thy glories rise;
They strike our souls with sweet surprise,
And sacred pleasure yield;
An ocean wide without a bound,
Where every noble wish is drowned,
And every want is filled.
- 3 To Thee our warm affections move,
In sweet astonishment and love,
While at Thy feet we fall;
We pant for naught beneath the skies;
To Thee our ardent wishes rise,
Oh our eternal All!
- 4 What shall we do to spread Thy praise,
Our God! through our remaining days,
Or how Thy name adore?

To Thee we consecrate our breath;
 Let us be Thine in life and death,
 And Thine for evermore.

21 *God's power and grace.* C. M.

FATHER, how wide Thy glory shines!
 How high Thy wonders rise!
 Known through the earth by thousand
 signs,
 By thousands through the skies.

2 Those mighty orbs proclaim Thy power,
 Their motions speak Thy skill;
 And on the wings of every hour
 We read Thy patience still.

3 But when we view Thy strange design
 To save rebellious worms,
 Where vengeance and compassion join
 In their divinest forms—

4 Here the whole Deity is known;
 Nor can a creature trace
 Which of Thy glories brightest shone,
 Thy justice, or Thy grace.

5 Now the full glories of the Lamb
 Adorn the heavenly plains;
 Bright seraphs learn Immanuel's name,
 And try their choicest strains.

6 Oh may we bear some humble part
 In that immortal song!
 Wonder and joy shall tune our heart,
 And love command our tongue.

22 *Psalm cxxxix.* C. M.

LORD, all I am is known to Thee!
 In vain my soul would try
 To shun Thy presence, or to flee
 The notice of Thine eye.

- 2 Thine all-surrounding sight surveys
 My rising and my rest,
 My public walks, my private ways,
 And secrets of my breast.
- 3 My thoughts lie open to Thee, Lord,
 Before they're formed within ;
 And ere my lips pronounce the word,
 Thou knowest the sense I mean.
- 4 Oh wondrous knowledge, deep and high !
 Where can a creature hide ?
 Within Thy circling arms I lie,
 Beset on every side.

23

God's Holiness.

C. M.

HOLY and reverend is the name
 Of our eternal King :
 "Thrice holy Lord !" the angels cry :
 "Thrice holy !" let us sing.

- 2 The deepest reverence of the mind,
 Pay, O my soul ! to God ;
 Lift, with Thy hands, a holy heart
 To His sublime abode.
- 3 With sacred awe pronounce His name,
 Whom words nor thoughts can reach ;
 A broken heart shall please Him more
 Than noblest forms of speech.
- 4 Thou holy God ! preserve my soul
 From all pollution free ;
 The pure in heart are Thy delight,
 And they Thy face shall see.

24

Love of God.

C. M.

THY ceaseless, unexhausted love,
 Unmerited and free,
 Delights our evil to remove,
 And help our misery.

- 2 Thou waitest to be gracious still;
 Thou dost with sinners bear;
 That saved, we may Thy goodness feel,
 And all Thy grace declare.
- 3 Thy goodness and Thy truth to me,
 To every soul, abound;
 A vast, unfathomable sea
 Whose depth no thought can sound.
- 4 Its streams the whole creation reach,
 So plenteous is the store;
 Enough for all, enough for each,
 Enough for evermore.
- 5 Faithful, O Lord, Thy mercies are;
 A rock which cannot move:
 A thousand promises declare
 Thy constancy of love.
- 6 Throughout the universe it reigns,
 Unalterably sure;
 And, while, O God, Thy truth remains,
 Thy goodness must endure.

- M**Y soul, repeat His praise
 Whose mercies are so great;
 Whose anger is so slow to rise,
 So ready to abate.
- 2 God will not always chide;
 And when His wrath is felt,
 His strokes are fewer than our crimes,
 And lighter than our guilt.
- 3 High as the heavens are raised
 Above the ground we tread,
 So far the riches of His grace
 Our highest thoughts exceed.

- 4 His grace subdues our sins,
And His forgiving love
Far as the east is from the west
Doth all our guilt remove.
- 5 The pity of the Lord,
To those who fear His name,
Is such as tender parents feel;
He knows our feeble frame.
- 6 Our days are as the grass,
Or like the morning flower;
If one sharp blast sweep o'er the field,
It withers in an hour.
- 7 But Thy compassions, Lord,
To endless years endure;
And children's children ever find
Thy words of promise sure.

26

Psalm ciii.

S. M.

- OH bless the Lord, my soul!
Let all within me join,
And aid my tongue to bless His name,
Whose favors are divine.
- 2 Oh bless the Lord, my soul!
Nor let His mercies lie
Forgotten in unthankfulness,
And without praises die.
- 3 'Tis He forgives thy sins;
'Tis He relieves thy pain;
'Tis He that heals thy sicknesses,
And gives thee strength again.
- 4 He crowns thy life with love,
When rescued from the grave;
He that redeemed our souls from death
Hath boundless power to save.

- 5 He fills the soul with good ;
He gives the sufferers rest ;
The Lord hath justice for the proud,
And mercy for th' oppressed.
- 6 His wondrous works and ways
He made by Moses known ;
But sent the world His truth and grace
By His beloved Son.

27 *Divine Goodness a Ground of Trust.* S. M.

- GIVE to the winds thy fears,
Hope, and be undismayed :
God hears thy sighs, and counts thy tears,
God shall lift up thy head.
- 2 Through waves and clouds and storms,
He gently clears thy way ;
Wait thou His time, so shall this night
Soon end in joyous day.
- 3 What though thou rulest not ;
Yet heaven and earth and hell
Proclaim, God sitteth on the throne,
And ruleth all things well.
- 4 Thine everlasting truth,
Father, Thy ceaseless love,
Sees all Thy children's wants, and knows
What best for each will prove.
- 5 And whatsoe'er Thou wilt,
Thou dost, O King of kings ;
What Thine unerring wisdom plans,
Thy power to being brings.
- 6 Let us in life, in death,
Thy steadfast truth declare ;
And publish with our latest breath
Thy love and guardian care.

28

"God Calling Yet."

L. M.

GOD calling yet!—shall I not hear?
 G Earth's pleasures shall I still hold dear?
 Shall life's swift passing years all fly,
 And still my soul in slumbers lie?

- 2 God calling yet!—shall I not rise?
 Can I His loving voice despise,
 And basely His kind care repay?
 He calls me still: can I delay?
- 3 God calling yet!—and shall He knock,
 And I my heart the closer lock?
 He still is waiting to receive,
 And shall I dare His Spirit grieve?
- 4 God calling yet!—and shall I give
 No heed, but still in bondage live?
 I wait, but He does not forsake;
 He calls me still!—my heart, awake!
- 5 God calling yet!—I cannot stay;
 My heart I yield without delay:
 Vain world, farewell! from thee I part;
 The voice of God hath reached my heart!

PROMISES.

29

God's Protection.

P. M., 11.

HOW firm a foundation, ye saints of the
 Lord,
 Is laid for your faith in His excellent word?
 What more can He say than to you He has
 said?

You who unto Jesus for refuge have fled.

- 2 Fear not, I am with thee; oh be not dis-
 mayed!
 For I am thy God, and will still give thee
 aid;

I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause
 thee to stand,
 Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

3 When through the deep waters I call thee to
 go,
 The rivers of sorrow shall not thee overflow ;
 For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
 And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

4 When through fiery trials thy pathway shall
 lie,
 My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply ;
 The flame shall not hurt thee ; I only design
 Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to re-
 fine.

5 The soul that to Jesus hath fled for repose,
 I will not, I cannot desert to His foes :
 That soul, though all hell should endeavor
 to shake,
 I'll never—no, never—no, never forsake !

THE Lord my pasture shall prepare,
 And feed me with a shepherd's care ;
 His presence shall my wants supply,
 And guard me with a watchful eye ;
 My noonday walks He shall attend,
 And all my midnight hours defend.

2 When in the sultry glebe I faint,
 Or on the thirsty mountains pant,
 To fertile vales and dewy meads,
 My weary, wandering steps He leads ;
 Where peaceful rivers, soft and slow,
 Amid the verdant landscape flow.

- 3 Though in a bare and rugged way
Through devious, lonely wilds I stray,
His bounty shall my pains beguile;
The barren wilderness shall smile,
With lively greens and herbage crowned,
And streams shall murmur all around.
- 4 Though in the paths of death I tread,
With gloomy horrors overspread,
My steadfast heart shall fear no ill,
For Thou, O Lord ! art with me still :
Thy friendly crook shall give me aid,
And guide me through the dismal shade.

PROVIDENCE.

31

Psalm cxxi.

C. M.

- T**O Sion's hill I lift my eyes,
From thence expecting aid ;
From Sion's hill and Sion's God,
Who heaven and earth has made.
- 2 He will not let thy foot be moved,
Thy Guardian will not sleep ;
Behold, the God who slumbers not
Will favored Israel keep.
- 3 Sheltered beneath th' Almighty's wings,
Thou shalt securely rest,
Where neither sun nor moon shall thee
By day or night molest.
- 4 From common accidents of life
The Lord shall guard thee still ;
'Tis even He that shall preserve
Thy soul from every ill.
- 5 At home, abroad, in peace, in war,
Thy God shall thee defend ;
Conduct thee through life's pilgrimage,
Safe to thy journey's end.

32

The Lord will Provide. P. M., 10, 11.

THOUGH troubles assail, and dangers
affright,
Though friends should all fail, and foes all
unite,
Yet one thing secures us, whatever betide,
The promise assures us—The Lord will provide.

2 The birds, without barn or storehouse, are
fed;
From them let us learn to trust for our
bread;
His saints what is fitting shall ne'er be denied,
So long as 'tis written—The Lord will provide.

3 When Satan appears to stop up our path,
And fills us with fears, we triumph by faith;
He cannot take from us (though oft he has
tried)
The heart-cheering promise—The Lord will
provide.

4 He tells us we're weak—our hope is in vain;
The good that we seek we ne'er shall obtain;
But when such suggestions our graces have
tried,
This answers all questions—The Lord will
provide.

5 No strength of our own, nor goodness we
claim:
Our trust is all thrown on Jesus' blest
name;

In this our strong tower for safety we hide;
The Lord is our power—The Lord will
provide.

33

Psalm xlvii.

L. M.

GOD is the refuge of His saints
When storms of sharp distress invade;
Ere we can offer our complaints,
Behold Him present with His aid.

2 Let mountains from their seats be hurled
Down to the deep, and buried there,
Convulsions shake the solid world—
Our faith shall never yield to fear.

3 Loud may the troubled ocean roar;
In sacred peace our souls abide;
While every nation, every shore,
Trembles and dreads the swelling tide.

4 There is a stream whose gentle flow
Supplies the city of our God;
Life, love and joy still gliding through,
And watering our divine abode.

5 That sacred stream, Thy holy word,
Our grief allays, our fear controls;
Sweet peace Thy promises afford,
And give new strength to fainting souls.

6 Zion enjoys her Monarch's love,
Secure against a threatening hour;
Nor can her firm foundation move,
Built on His truth, and armed with
power.

34

Psalm xc.

C. M.

O GOD! our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home—

- 2 Under the shadow of Thy throne
Still may we dwell secure ;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.
- 3 Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.
- 4 Thy word commands our flesh to dust,
“Return, ye sons of men ;”
All nations rose from earth at first,
And turn to earth again.
- 5 A thousand ages in Thy sight;
Are like an evening gone ;
Short as the watch that ends the night,
Before the rising sun.
- 6 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away ;
They fly, forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.
- 7 The busy tribes of flesh and blood,
With all their cares and fears,
Are carried downward by the flood,
And lost in following years.
- 8 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come !
Be Thou our guide while life shall last,
And our perpetual home.

35 *The Seasons Ordered by God.* L. M.

GREAT God, at whose all-powerful call
At first arose this beauteous frame !
By Thee the seasons change, and all
The changing seasons speak Thy name.

- 2 Thy bounty bids the infant year,
 From winter storms recovered, rise,
 When thousand grateful scenes appear,
 Fresh opening to our wondering eyes.
- 3 Oh how delightful 'tis to see
 The earth in vernal beauty drest!
 While in each herb, and flower, and tree,
 Thy blooming glories shine confest.
- 4 Aloft, full beaming, reigns the sun,
 And light and genial heat conveys;
 And, while he leads the seasons on,
 From Thee derives his quickening rays.
- 5 Indulgent God! from every part
 Thy plenteous blessings largely flow;
 We see, we taste;—let every heart
 With grateful love and duty glow.

36

Psalm xxxi.

P. M. 7.

- SOVEREIGN Ruler of the skies,
 S Ever gracious, ever wise!
 All our times are in Thy hand,
 All events at Thy command.
- 2 He that formed us in the womb,
 He shall guide us to the tomb;
 All our ways shall ever be
 Ordered by His wise decree.
- 3 Times of sickness, times of health,
 Blighting want, and cheerful wealth,
 All our pleasures, all our pains,
 Come, and end, as God ordains.
- 4 May we always own Thy hand,
 Still to Thee surrendered stand,
 Know that Thou art God alone;
 We and ours are all Thy own.

37

Dark Providence.

C. M.

THY way, O God, is in the sea,
Thy paths I cannot trace,
Nor comprehend the mystery
Of Thine unbounded grace.

2 Here the dark veils of flesh and sense
My captive soul surround;
Mysterious deeps of providence
My wondering thoughts confound.

3 As through a glass, I dimly see
The wonders of Thy love,
How little do I know of Thee,
Or of the joys above!

4 'Tis but in part I know Thy will:
I bless Thee for the sight;
When will Thy love the rest reveal
In glory's clearer light?

5 With raptures shall I then survey
Thy providence and grace;
And spend an everlasting day
In wonder, love and praise.

38

Mysterious Providence.

C. M.

GOD moves in a mysterious way,
His wonders to perform,
He plants His footstep in the sea,
And rides upon the storm.

2 Deep in unfathomable mines
With never-failing skill,
He treasures up His bright designs,
And works His sovereign will.

3 Ye fearful saints! fresh courage take:
The clouds ye so much dread

Are full of mercy, and will break
In blessings on your head.

4 Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust Him for His grace ;
Behind a frowning providence
He hides a smiling face.

5 His purposes will ripen fast,
Unfolding every hour ;
The bud may have a bitter taste,
But sweet will be the flower.

6 Blind unbelief is sure to err,
And scan His work in vain,
God is His own interpreter,
And He will make it plain.

39 *God Appointeth Affliction.* L. M.

NOT from relentless fate's dark womb,
Or from the dust our troubles come.
No fickle chance presides o'er grief,
To cause the pain or send relief.

2 Look up, and see, ye sorrowing saints !
The cause and cure of your complaints :
Know, 'tis your heavenly Father's will :
Bid every murmur then be still.

3 He sees we need the painful yoke ;
Yet love directs His heaviest stroke :
He takes no pleasure in our smart,
But wounds to heal and cheer the heart.

4 Blest trials those that cleanse from sin,
And make the soul all pure within,
Wean the fond mind from earthly toys,
To seek and taste celestial joys !

PRAISE.

40 *Praise Jehovah.* P. M.

PRAISE ye Jehovah! with anthems of
 praise come before Him;
 Great is His mercy! with hearts of thanks-
 giving adore Him;
 Firm is His word; freely His grace is con-
 ferred;
 Humbly for pardon implore Him.

2 Praise Him, all nations! 'Tis He that has
 crowned you with blessing:
 Oh come before Him, your sins and trans-
 gressions confessing;
 Worship the Lord; bow to the claims of
 His word;
 Songs to His glory addressing.

3 Angels, rejoicing, unite in the shout of
 salvation;
 Daily and nightly they sing to the God of
 creation:
 "Worthy to reign, Keeper and Saviour of
 men,
 O'er every kingdom and nation."

4 Praise ye Jehovah! the sovereign of earth
 and of heaven,
 Unto His holy name honor and glory be
 given;
 Wake every string! tune all your voices
 and sing;
 Heaven and earth reply, amen!

41 *Psalm cxlvi.* P. M. 8

I'LL praise my Maker while I've breath,
 And when my voice is lost in death,
 Praise shall employ my nobler powers;

My days of praise shall ne'er be past,
While life and thought and being last,
Or immortality endures.

- 2 Happy the man whose hopes rely
On Israel's God; He made the sky
And earth and seas with all their train;
His truth for ever stands secure;
He saves th' oppressed, He feeds the poor,
And none shall find His promise vain.
- 3 The Lord gives sight unto the blind:
The Lord supports the fainting mind;
He sends the laboring conscience peace;
He helps the stranger in distress,
The widow and the fatherless,
And grants the prisoner sweet release.
- 4 I'll praise Him while He lends me breath,
And when my voice is lost in death,
Praise shall employ my nobler powers;
My days of praise shall ne'er be past,
While life and thought and being last,
Or immortality endures.

42

Praise to God.

C. P. M.

BEGIN, my soul, th' exalted lay;
Let each enraptured thought obey,
And praise th' Almighty's name:
Lo! heaven and earth, and seas and skies
In one melodious concert rise,
To swell th' inspiring theme.

- 2 Ye angels, catch the thrilling sound,
While all th' adoring thrones around
His boundless mercy sing:
Let every listening saint above
Wake all the tuneful soul of love,
And touch the sweetest string.

- 3 Let every element rejoice ;
 Ye thunders, burst with awful voice
 To Him who bids you roll :
 His praise, in softer notes, declare
 Each whispering breeze of yielding air,
 And breathe it to the soul.
- 4 Wake, all ye soaring tribes, and sing ;
 Ye cheerful warblers of the spring,
 Harmonious anthems raise
 To Him, who shaped your finer mould—
 Who tipped your glittering wings with gold,
 And tuned your voice to praise.
- 5 Let man, by nobler passions swayed,
 The feeling heart, the judging head,
 In heavenly praise employ ;
 Spread the Creator's name around,
 Till heaven's broad arch ring back the
 sound—
 The general burst of joy.

- THE spacious firmament on high,
 With all the blue ethereal sky,
 And spangled heavens, a shining frame,
 Their great Original proclaim.
- 2 The unwearied sun, from day to day,
 Does his Creator's power display,
 And publishes to every land
 The work of an Almighty hand.
- 3 Soon as the evening shades prevail,
 The moon takes up the wondrous tale,
 And nightly to the listening earth
 Repeats the story of her birth ;

4 Whilst all the stars that round her burn,
And all the planets in their turn,
Confirm the tidings, as they roll,
And spread the truth from pole to pole.

5 What though in solemn silence all
Move round this dark terrestrial ball—
What though no real voice nor sound
Amidst their radiant orbs be found—

6 In reason's ear they all rejoice,
And utter forth a glorious voice,
For ever singing, as they shine—
The Hand that made us is divine.

44 *The Lord is Great.* P. M., 11, 8.

THE Lord is great! ye hosts of heaven,
adore Him,

And ye who tread this earthly ball;
In holy songs rejoice aloud before Him,
And shout His praise who made you all.

2 The Lord is great; His majesty, how glorious!

Resound His praise from shore to shore;
O'er sin and death and hell now made victorious,

He rules and reigns for evermore.

3 The Lord is great; His mercy how abounding!

Ye angels, strike your golden chords;
Oh praise our God, with voice and harp resounding,

The King of kings and Lord of lords.

45 *Praise to God.* L. M.

OH praise the Lord in that blest place
From whence His goodness largely
flows;

- Praise Him in heaven where His face,
Unveiled, in perfect glory shows.
- 2 Praise Him for all the mighty acts
Which He in our behalf has done ;
His kindness this return exacts,
With which our praise should equal run.
- 3 Let the shrill trumpet's warlike voice
Make rocks and hills His praise rebound ;
Praise Him with harp's melodious noise,
And gentle psaltery's silver sound.
- 4 Let them who joyful hymns compose,
To cymbals set their songs of praise ;
To well-tuned cymbals, and to those
That loudly sound on solemn days.
- 5 Let all that vital breath enjoy—
The breath He does to them afford—
In just returns of praise employ :
Let every creature praise the Lord !

- LET every creature join
To praise th' eternal God ;
Ye heavenly hosts, the song begin,
And sound His name abroad.
- 2 Thou sun with golden beams,
And moon with paler rays.
Ye starry lights, ye twinkling flames,
Shine to your Maker's praise.
- 3 He built those worlds above,
And fixed their wondrous frame ;
By His command they stand or move,
And ever speak His name.

4 Ye vapors, when ye rise,
 Or fall in showers or snow;
 Ye thunders, murmuring round the skies,
 His power and glory show.

5 Wind, hail and flaming fire
 Agree to praise the Lord,
 When ye in dreadful storms conspire
 To execute His word.

6 By all His works above
 His honors be expressed;
 But saints that taste His saving love,
 Should sing His praises best.

47

S. M.

COME, sound His praise abroad,
 And hymns of glory sing!
 Jehovah is the sovereign God,
 The universal King.

2 He formed the deeps unknown;
 He gave the seas their bound;
 The watery worlds are all His own,
 And all the solid ground.

3 Come, worship at His throne;
 Come, bow before the Lord.
 We are His works and not our own;
 He formed us by His word.

4 To-day attend His voice,
 Nor dare provoke His rod;
 Come, like the people of His choice,
 And own your gracious God!

GOD THE SON.

INCARNATION.

48

The Divinity of Christ.

C. M.

THEE we adore, eternal Word!
 The Father's equal Son;
 By heaven's obedient hosts adored
 Ere time had yet begun.

- 2 The first creation has displayed
 Thine energy divine,
 For not a single thing was made
 By other hands than Thine.
- 3 But ransomed sinners, with delight,
 Sublimier facts survey—
 The all-creating Word unites
 Himself to dust and clay.
- 4 Creation's Author now assumes
 A creature's humble form;
 A man of grief and woe becomes,
 Is trod on like a worm.
- 5 The Lord of glory bears the shame
 To vile transgressors due;
 Justice the Prince of life condemns
 To die in anguish too.
- 6 God over all, for ever blest,
 The righteous curse endures;
 And thus to souls with sin distressed
 Eternal bliss ensures.
- 7 What wonders in Thy person meet,
 My Saviour, all divine!
 I fall with rapture at Thy feet,
 And would be wholly Thine.

49

Isaiah xxi: 11.

P. M., 7.

WATCHMAN! tell us of the night,
 What its signs of promise are!
 Traveler! o'er yon mountain's height
 See the glory-beaming star!
 Watchman! does its beauteous ray
 Aught of hope or joy foretell?
 Traveler! yes, it brings the day—
 Promised day of Israel.

2 Watchman! tell us of the night:
 Higher yet that star ascends!
 Traveler! blessedness and light,
 Peace and truth its course portends!
 Watchman! will its beams alone
 Gild the spot that gave them birth?
 Traveler! ages are its own;
 See, it bursts o'er all the earth!

3 Watchman! tell us of the night,
 For the morning seems to dawn!
 Traveler! darkness takes its flight;
 Doubt and terror are withdrawn!
 Watchman! let thy wandering cease
 Hie thee to thy quiet home;
 Traveler, lo! the Prince of peace,
 Lo! the Son of God is come!

50

Birth of Christ.

P. M., 11, 10.

HITHER, ye faithful, haste with songs of
 triumph,
 To Bethlehem go, the Lord of life to meet;
 To you this day is born a Prince and
 Saviour;
 Oh come, and let us worship at His feet.

2 O Jesus, for such wondrous condescension
 Our praise and reverence are an offering
 meet;

Now is the Word made flesh, and dwells
among us ;

Oh come, and let us worship at His feet.

3 Shout His almighty name, ye choirs of
angels,

Let the celestial courts His praise repeat :
Unto our God be glory in the highest ;

Oh come, and let us worship at His feet.

51

Advent.

P. M., 6, 10.

NO war nor battle's sound
Was heard the world around,
No hostile chiefs to furious combat ran,
But peaceful was the night,
In which the Prince of light
His reign of peace upon the earth began.

2 The shepherds on the lawn,
Before the point of dawn,
In social circle sat ; while all around,
The gentle, fleecy brood,
Or cropped the flowery food,
Or slept, or sported on the verdant ground,

3 When, lo ! with ravished ears,
Each swain delighted hears
Sweet music, offspring of no mortal hand ;
Divinely-warbled voice,
Answering the stringèd noise,
With blissful rapture charmed the listening
band.

4 They saw a glorious light
Burst on their wondering sight
Harping in solemn choir, in robes arrayed,
The helmèd cherubim
And sworded seraphim
Are seen in glittering ranks, with wings
displayed.

5 Sounds of so sweet a tone
 Before were never known,
 But when of old the sons of morning sung,
 While God disposed in air
 Each constellation fair,
 And the well-balanced world on hinges
 hung.

6 “Hail, hail, auspicious morn!
 The Saviour Christ is born!”
 Such was th’ immortal seraph’s song sublime;
 “Glory to God in heaven!
 To man sweet peace be given,
 Sweet peace and friendship to the end of
 time.”

52 *A Saviour Announced.* P. M., 8, 7.

HARK! what mean those holy voices,
 Sweetly sounding through the skies?
 Lo! th’ angelic host rejoices;
 Heavenly hallelujahs rise.

2 Listen to the wondrous story,
 Which they chant in hymns of joy:—
 Glory in the highest, glory,
 Glory be to God most high!

3 Peace on earth, good-will from heaven,
 Reaching far as man is found;
 Souls redeemed, and sins forgiven!—
 Loud our golden harps shall sound.

4 Christ is born, the great Anointed;
 Heaven and earth His praises sing;
 Oh receive whom God appointed
 For your Prophet, Priest and King.

5 Hasten, mortals, to adore Him ;
 Learn His name, and taste His joy ;
 Till in heaven ye sing before Him,
 Glory be to God most high !

53 *Good Tidings. P. M., 8, 7, 8, 7, 4, 7.*

ANGELS! from the realms of glory,
 Wing your flight o'er all the earth ;
 Ye, who sang creation's story,
 Now proclaim Messiah's birth :
 Come and worship—
 Worship Christ, the new-born King.

2 Shepherds! in the fields abiding,
 Watching o'er your flocks by night ;
 God with man is now residing,
 Yonder shines the heavenly light :
 Come and worship—
 Worship Christ, the new-born King.

3 Sages! leave your contemplations ;
 Brighter visions beam afar :
 Seek the great Desire of nations,
 Ye have seen His natal star :
 Come and worship—
 Worship Christ, the new-born King.

4 Saints! before the altar bending,
 Watching long in hope and fear,
 Suddenly the Lord, descending,
 In His temple shall appear :
 Come and worship—
 Worship Christ, the new-born King.

54 *Advent. C. M.*

HARK! the glad sound, the Saviour
 comes,
 The Saviour promised long :
 Let every heart prepare a throne,
 And every voice a song.

- 2 On Him the Spirit, largely poured,
Exerts His sacred fire ;
Wisdom and might, and zeal and love
His holy breast inspire.
- 3 He comes, the prisoners to release,
In Satan's bondage held ;
The gates of brass before Him burst,
The iron fetters yield.
- 4 He comes, from thickest films of vice
To clear the mental ray ;
And on the eyes oppressed with night
To pour celestial day.
- 5 He comes, the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of His grace
T' enrich the humble poor.
- 6 Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim ;
And heaven's eternal arches ring
With Thy beloved Name.

55

Christ is Born.

P. M. 7.

HARK ! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King !
Peace on earth, and mercy mild ;
God and sinners reconciled."

- 2 Joyful, all ye nations, rise ;
Join the triumph of the skies :
With th' angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem !"
- 3 Mild He lays His glory by ;
Born that man no more may die ;
Born to raise the sons of earth ;
Born to give them second birth.

4 Hail, the heaven-born Prince of peace!
Hail, the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Risen with healing in His wings.

56 *Star of the East.* P. M. 11, 10.

BRIGHTEST and best of the sons of the
morning,

Dawn on our darkness, and lend us Thine
aid:

Star of the east, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our Infant Redeemer is laid.

2 Cold on His cradle the dewdrops are
shining,

Low lies His head with the beasts of the
stall:

Angels adore Him, in slumber reclining,
Maker, and Monarch, and Saviour of all.

3 Say, shall we yield Him, in costly devotion,
Odors of Edom, and offerings divine;

Gems of the mountain, and pearls of the
ocean,

Myrrh from the forest, and gold from the
mine?

4 Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
Vainly with gold would His favor secure:

Richer by far is the heart's adoration,
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

5 Brightest and best of the sons of the morn-
ing,

Dawn on our darkness, and lend us Thine
aid:

Star of the east, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our Infant Redeemer is laid.

57

Advent.

P. M., 8, 7.

HAIL! Thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free:
From our sins and fears release us,
Let us find our rest in Thee.

- 2 Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the saints Thou art;
Long desired of every nation,
Joy of every waiting heart.
- 3 Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child, yet God our King,
Born to reign in us for ever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
- 4 By Thine own eternal Spirit,
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all-sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

58

Luke ii. 14.

C. M.

CALM on the listening ear of night
Come heaven's melodious strains,
Where wild Judea stretches far
Her silver-mantled plains.

- 2 Celestial choirs, from courts above,
Shed sacred glories there;
And angels, with their sparkling lyres,
Make music on the air.
- 3 The joyous hills of Palestine
Send back the glad reply;
And greet, from all their holy heights,
The day-spring from on high.
- 4 O'er the blue depths of Galilee
There comes a holier calm;

And Sharon waves, in solemn praise,
Her silent groves of palm.

- 5 "Glory to God!" the sounding skies
Loud with their anthems ring;
"Peace to the earth—good-will to men,
From heaven's eternal King."

59

The Watch of the Shepherds.

C. M.

WHILE shepherds watched their flocks
by night,
All seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down,
And glory shone around.

- 2 "Fear not," said he (for mighty dread
Had seized their troubled mind),
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and all mankind.
- 3 "To you, in David's town, this day,
Is born of David's line
The Saviour, who is Christ, the Lord,
And this shall be the sign:
- 4 "The heavenly Babe you there shall find
To human view displayed,
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
And in a manger laid."
- 5 Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith
Appeared a shining throng
Of angels, praising God, and thus
Addressed their joyful song:
- 6 "All glory be to God on high,
And to the earth be peace;
Good-will, henceforth, from heaven to men
Begin, and never cease!"

60

Chorus.

P. M., 11.

SHOUT the glad tidings, exultingly
sing ;

Jerusalem triumphs, Messiah is King !

1 Sion, the marvelous story be telling,
The Son of the Highest, how lowly His
birth !

The brightest archangel in glory excelling,
He stoops to redeem thee, He reigns upon
earth :

Cho. Shout the glad tidings, exultingly sing :
Jerusalem triumphs, Messiah is King !

2 Tell how He cometh ; from nation to nation,
The heart-cheering news, let the earth
echo round ;

How free to the faithful He offers salvation,
How His people with joy everlasting are
crowned :

Cho. Shout the glad tidings, exultingly sing :
Jerusalem triumphs, Messiah is King !

3 Mortals, your homage be gratefully bringing,
And sweet let the gladsome hosanna arise ;
Ye angels, the full hallelujah be singing :
One chorus resound through the earth and
the skies :

Cho. Shout the glad tidings, exultingly sing :
Jerusalem triumphs, Messiah is King !

COMPASSION.

61

Compassion.

L. M.

WHEN gathering clouds around I view,
And days are dark and friends are few,

- On Him I lean who, not in vain,
 Experienced every human pain :
 He sees my wants, allays my fears,
 And counts and treasures up my tears.
- 2 If aught should tempt my soul to stray
 From heavenly wisdom's narrow way,
 To fly the good I would pursue,
 Or do the ill I would not do,
 Still He who felt temptation's power
 Will guard me in that dangerous hour.
- 3 When vexing thoughts within me rise,
 And sore dismayed my spirit dies,
 Yet He, who once vouchsafed to bear
 The dreadful anguish of despair,
 Shall sweetly soothe, shall gently dry,
 The throbbing heart, the streaming eye.
- 4 When sorrowing o'er some stone I bend,
 Which covers all that was a friend—
 And from his hand, his voice, his smile,
 Divides me for a little while—
 My Saviour marks the tears I shed,
 For "Jesus wept" o'er Lazarus dead.
- 5 And, oh ! when I have safely passed
 Through every conflict but the last,
 Still, Lord, unchanging, watch beside
 My dying bed, for Thou hast died :
 Then point to realms of cloudless day,
 And wipe the latest tear away.

ONE there is, above all others,
 Well deserves the name of Friend ;
 His is love beyond a brother's,
 Costly, free, and knows no end.

- 2 Which of all our friends, to save us,
 Could or would have shed His blood?
But this Saviour died to have us
 Reconciled in Him to God.
- 3 When He lived on earth abased
 Friend of sinners was His name;
Now, above all glory raised,
 He rejoices in the same.
- 4 Oh, for grace our hearts to soften!
 Teach us, Lord, at length to love;
We, alas! forget too often
 What a Friend we have above.

63

"It is finished." P. M., 8, 7, 4.

HARK! the voice of love and mercy
 Sounds arose from Cavalry!
See! it rends the rocks asunder,
 Shakes the earth, and veils the sky!
 "It is finished!"

Hear the dying Saviour cry!

- 2 It is finished!—Oh what pleasure
 Do these charming words afford!
Heavenly blessings, without measure,
 Flow to us through Christ the Lord.
 It is finished!—
Saints, the dying words record.

- 3 Finished all the types and shadows
 Of the ceremonial law!
Finished all that God had promised;
 Death and hell no more shall awe.
 It is finished!
Saints, from hence your comfort draw.

- 4 Tune your harps anew, ye seraphs,
 Join to sing the pleasing theme;

All in earth, and all in heaven,
 Join to praise Immanuel's name,
 Hallelujah!
 Glory to the bleeding Lamb!

CONDESCENSION.

64

C. M.

AND will the Lord thus condescend
 To visit sinful worms?
 Thus at the door shall mercy stand
 In all her winning forms?

2 Surprising grace!—and shall my heart
 Unmoved and cold remain?
 Has this hard rock no tender part?
 Must mercy plead in vain?

3 Shall Jesus for admission sue—
 His charming voice unheard?
 And this vile heart, His rightful due,
 Remain for ever barred?

4 'Tis sin, alas! with tyrant power,
 My heart hath long oppressed;
 And crowds of traitors bar the door
 Against the heavenly guest.

5 Ye dangerous inmates, hence depart:
 Dear Saviour, enter in,
 And guard the passage to my heart,
 And keep out every sin.

65

Rev. iii. 20.

L. M.

BEHOLD a stranger at the door!
 He gently knocks—has knocked before,
 Has waited long—is waiting still:
 You treat no other friend so ill.

- 2 Oh lovely attitude ! He stands
 With melting heart and loaded hands !
 Oh matchless kindness ! and He shows
 This matchless kindness to His foes !
- 3 But will He prove a friend indeed ?
 He will ; the very friend you need ;
 The friend of sinners—yes, 'tis He,
 With garments dyed on Calvary.
- 4 Rise, touched with gratitude divine ;
 Turn out His enemy and thine—
 That soul-destroying monster, Sin—
 And let the heavenly stranger in.
- 5 Admit Him, ere His anger burn ;
 His feet departed ne'er return ;
 Admit Him, or the hour's at hand
 You'll at His door rejected stand.

66

Christ's Compassion.

C. M.

- H**OW condescending and how kind
 Was God's eternal Son !
 Our misery reached His heavenly mind,
 And pity brought Him down.
- 2 This was compassion like a God,
 That when the Saviour knew
 The price of pardon was His blood,
 His pity ne'er withdrew.
- 3 Now, though He reigns exalted high,
 His love is still as great :
 Well He remembers Calvary,
 Nor should His saints forget.
- 4 Here we receive repeated seals
 Of Jesus' dying love ;
 Hard is the wretch that never feels
 One soft affection move.

- 5 Here let our hearts begin to melt,
 While we His death record,
 And with our joy for pardoned guilt,
 Mourn that we pierced the Lord.

67 *The Human Jesus.* C. M.

WHEN Jesus left His heavenly throne,
 He chose an humble birth ;
 Like us, unhonored and unknown,
 He came to dwell on earth.

- 2 Like Him, may we be found below
 In wisdom's paths of peace ;
 Like Him, in grace and knowledge grow,
 As years and strength increase.

- 3 Sweet were His words and kind His look
 When mothers round Him pressed ;
 Their infants in His arms He took,
 And on His bosom blessed.

- 4 Safe from the world's alluring harms,
 Beneath His watchful eye,
 Oh, thus encircled in His arms,
 May we for ever lie.

68 *Luther's Hymn.* P. M., 8, 7, 5, 6.

A SAFE stronghold our God is still,
 Our shield and surest weapon ;
 He will deliver from the ill
 That hath us now o'ertaken.
 Our old deadly foe
 Now aims his last blow ;
 Deep guile and strong power
 He boasteth in this hour :
 On earth is not his equal.

- 2 By strength of ours could naught be done ;
 The strife full soon were ended,

But for us fights the valiant One,
 By God himself commended.
 Ask you, "Who is He?"
 Christ Jesus! There see
 The Lord Sabaoth,
 Our God and Saviour both—
 He conquers in this battle.

3 Though devils all the earth should fill,
 Each watching to devour us,
 We tremble not, we fear no ill
 They cannot overpower us.
 The false prince of hell
 May rage, rave and swell;
 He harms not a hair,
 We shall escape his snare;
 Christ's lightest word shall stay him.

4 His word for ever shall abide,
 Our foes can ne'er destroy it,
 He standeth ever at our side,
 And cheers us by His spirit.
 And take they our life,
 Goods, fame, children, wife,
 When their worst is done,
 Yet have they nothing won—
 We shall receive the kingdom.

SUBMISSION.

69

Gethsemane.

P. M., 8, 6.

BEYOND where Cedron's waters flow,
 Behold the suffering Saviour go
 To sad Gethsemane;
 His countenance is all divine,
 Yet grief appears in every line.

2 He bows beneath the sins of men;
 He cries to God, and cries again,
 In sad Gethsemane:

- He lifts His mournful eyes above—
 “My Father, can this cup remove?”
- 3 With gentle resignation still
 He yielded to His Father’s will
 In sad Gethsemane:
 “Behold Me here, Thine only Son;
 And, Father, let Thy will be done.”
- 4 The Father heard; and angels there
 Sustained the Son of God in prayer,
 In sad Gethsemane:
 He drank the dreadful cup of pain—
 Then rose to life and joy again.
- 5 When storms of sorrow round us sweep,
 And scenes of anguish make us weep,
 To sad Gethsemane
 We’ll look, and see the Saviour there,
 And humbly bow, like Him, in prayer.

EXAMPLE.

70

Doing Good.

C. M.

- B**EHOLD! where, in a mortal form,
 Appears each grace divine:
 The virtues, all in Jesus met,
 With mildest radiance shine.
- 2 To spread the rays of heavenly light,
 To give the mourner joy,
 To preach glad tidings to the poor,
 Was His divine employ.
- 3 ’Mid keen reproach and cruel scorn,
 He, meek and patient, stood:
 His foes, ungrateful, sought His life
 Who labored for their good.
- 4 In the last hour of deep distress,
 Before His Father’s throne,

With soul resigned, He bowed, and said,
 “Thy will, not mine, be done!”

- 5 Be Christ our pattern and our Guide,
 His image may we bear;
 Oh may we tread His holy steps,
 His joy and glory share!

71 *The Christian's Example.* L. M.

WHENE’ER the angry passions rise,
 And tempt our thoughts or tongues to
 strife;

To Jesus let us lift our eyes—
 Bright pattern of the Christian life.

- 2 Oh how benevolent and kind!
 How mild—how ready to forgive!
 Be this the temper of our mind,
 And these the rules by which we live.

- 3 To do His heavenly Father’s will
 Was His employment and delight;
 Humility and holy zeal
 Shone through His life, divinely bright.

- 4 Dispensing good where’er He came,
 The labors of His life were love:
 Then, if we bear the Saviour’s name,
 Our souls let His example move.

- 5 But ah! how blind, how weak we are,
 How frail, how apt to turn aside!
 Lord, we depend upon Thy care;
 We ask Thy Spirit for our guide.

- 6 Thy fair example may we trace,
 To teach us what we ought to be:
 Make us, by Thy transforming grace,
 O Saviour, daily more like Thee.

INTERCESSION.

72

L. M.

HE lives, the great Redeemer lives,
 (What joy the blest assurance gives!)
 And now, before His Father, God,
 Pleads the full merit of His blood.

- 2 Repeated crimes awake our fears,
 And justice armed with frowns appears;
 But in the Saviour's lovely face
 Sweet mercy smiles, and all is peace.
- 3 Hence, then, ye black, despairing thoughts!
 Above our fears, above our faults,
 His powerful intercessions rise,
 And guilt recedes and terror dies.
- 4 In every dark, distressful hour,
 When sin and Satan join their power,
 Let this dear hope repel the dart,
 That Jesus bears us on His heart.
- 5 Great Advocate, Almighty Friend—
 On Him our humble hopes depend:
 Our cause can never, never fail,
 For Jesus pleads and must prevail.

73

Christ's Intercession.

C. M.

THE Lord of life, with glory crowned
 On heaven's exalted throne,
 Forgets not those for whom on earth
 He heaved His dying groan.

- 2 His greatness now no tongue of man
 Or seraph bright can tell;
 Yet still the chief of all His joys,
 That souls are saved from hell.
- 3 For this He taught, and toiled, and bled;
 For this His life was given;

For this He fought and vanquished death ;
For this He reigns in heaven.

- 4 Join, all ye saints beneath the sky,
Your grateful praise to give ;
Sing loud hosannas to His name,
With whom you too shall live.

74 *The Way, Truth and Life.* C. M.

THOU art the Way : to Thee alone
From sin and death we flee ;
And he who would the Father seek,
Must seek Him, Lord, through Thee.

- 2 Thou art the Truth : Thy word alone
True wisdom can impart :
Thou, only, canst instruct the mind,
And purify the heart.

- 3 Thou art the Life : the rending tomb
Proclaims Thy conquering arm :
And those who put their trust in Thee
Not death nor hell shall harm.

- 4 Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life :
Grant us to know that Way,
That Truth to keep, that Life to win,
Which lead to endless day.

75 *The Physician.* P. M., 7, 6.

HOW lost was my condition,
Till Jesus made me whole !
There is but one Physician
Can cure a sin-sick soul !—
The worst of all diseases
Is light, compared with sin ;
On every part it seizes,
But rages most within.

- 2 From men great skill professing
 I thought a cure to gain ;
 But this proved more distressing
 And added to my pain :
 Some said that nothing ailed me,
 Some gave me up for lost,
 Thus every refuge failed me,
 And all my hopes were crossed.
- 3 At length this great Physician—
 How matchless is His grace?—
 Accepted my petition,
 And undertook my case :
 Next door to death He found me,
 And snatched me from the grave,
 To tell to all around me
 His wondrous power to save.
- 4 A dying, risen Jesus,
 Seen by the eye of faith,
 At once from danger frees us,
 And saves the soul from death :
 Come then to this Physician,
 His help He'll freely give ;
 He makes no hard condition,
 'Tis only—Look and live.

76

The Star of Bethlehem.

L. M.

WHEN, marshaled on the nightly plain,
 The glittering hosts bestud the sky,
 One star alone, of all the train,
 Can fix the sinner's wandering eye.

- 2 Hark ! hark ! to God the chorus breaks,
 From every host, from every gem
 But one alone the Saviour speaks,
 It is the star of Bethlehem.
- 3 Once on the raging seas I rode,
 The storm was loud—the night was dark,

The ocean yawned, and rudely blowed
The wind that tossed my foundering bark.

4 Deep horror then my vitals froze,
Death-struck, I ceased the tide to stem;
When suddenly a star arose,
It was the star of Bethlehem.

5 It was my guide, my light, my all,
It bade my dark forebodings cease;
And through the storm and danger's thrall
It led me to the port of peace.

77

Excellency of Christ.

C. P. M.

OH, could I speak the matchless worth—
Oh, could I sound the glories forth
Which in my Saviour shine,
I'd soar and touch the heavenly strings,
And vie with Gabriel, while he sings,
In notes almost divine.

2 I'd sing the precious blood He spilt,
My ransom from the dreadful guilt
Of sin and wrath divine:
I'd sing His glorious righteousness,
In which all perfect, heavenly dress
My soul shall ever shine.

3 I'd sing the characters He bears,
And all the forms of love He wears,
Exalted on His throne:
In loftiest songs of sweetest praise,
I would to everlasting days
Make all His glories known.

4 Soon the delightful day will come
When my dear Lord will bring me home,
And I shall see His face;

Then with my Saviour, Brother, Friend,
A blest eternity I'll spend,
Triumphant in His grace.

PRECIOUSNESS.

78

S. M.

NOT all the blood of beasts,
On Jewish altars slain,
Could give the guilty conscience peace,
Or wash away our sin.

2 But Christ, the heavenly Lamb,
Takes all our sins away ;
A sacrifice of nobler name
And richer blood than they.

3 My faith would lay her hand
On that dear head of Thine—
While as a penitent I stand
And there confess my sin.

4 My soul looks back to see
The burden Thou didst bear
When hanging on the cursed tree,
And hopes her guilt was there.

5 Believing, we rejoice
To see the curse remove ;
We bless the Lamb with cheerful voice,
And sing His bleeding love.

79

Precious Love of Christ.

C. P. M.

O LOVE divine, how sweet Thou art !
When shall I find my willing heart
All taken up by Thee ?
I long and thirst and faint to prove
The greatness of redeeming love—
The love of Christ to me.

- 2 Stronger His love than death or hell;
 Its riches are unsearchable;
 The first-born sons of light
 Desire, in vain, its depths to see;
 They cannot reach the mystery,
 The length and breadth and height.
- 3 Oh that I could for ever sit,
 With Mary at the Master's feet!
 Be this my happy choice,
 My only care, delight and bliss,
 My joy, my heaven on earth be this,
 To hear the Bridegroom's voice.
- 4 Oh that I could, with favored John,
 Recline my weary head upon
 The dear Redeemer's breast!
 From care and sin and sorrow free,
 Give me, O Lord, to find in Thee
 My everlasting rest.

80

Christ Precious.

C. M.

HOW sweet the name of Jesus sounds
 In a believer's ear!

It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,
 And drives away his fear.

- 2 It makes the wounded spirit whole,
 And calms the troubled breast;
 'Tis manna to the hungry soul,
 And to the weary rest.
- 3 By Him my prayers acceptance gain,
 Although with sin defiled;
 Satan accuses me in vain,
 When I am owned a child.
- 4 Weak is the effort of my heart,
 And cold my warmest thought;

But when I see Thee as Thou art,
I'll praise Thee as I ought.

- 5 Till then I would Thy love proclaim
With every fleeting breath ;
And may the music of Thy name
Refresh my soul in death.

81

Christ Precious.

C. M.

JESUS! I love Thy charming name,
'Tis music to mine ear ;
Fain would I sound it out so loud
That earth and heaven should hear.

- 2 Yes, Thou art precious to my soul,
My joy, my hope, my trust ;
Jewels, to Thee, are gaudy toys,
And gold is sordid dust.
- 3 All my capacious powers can wish
In Thee most richly meet ;
Not to mine eyes is light so dear,
Nor friendship half so sweet.
- 4 Thy grace still dwells upon my heart,
And sheds its fragrance there ;—
The noblest balm of all its wounds
The cordial of its care.
- 5 I'll speak the honors of Thy name
With my last laboring breath ;
Then, speechless, clasp Thee in mine arms,
The antidote of death.

PASSION.

82

S. M.

DID Christ for sinners weep?
And shall our cheeks be dry?
Let floods of penitential grief
Burst forth from every eye.

- 2 The Son of God in tears
 Angels with wonder see;
 Be thou astonished, O my soul;
 He shed those tears for thee.
- 3 He wept that we might weep;
 Each sin demands a tear:
 In heaven alone no sin is found,
 And there's no weeping there.

83

A Litany.

P. M., 7.

SAVIOUR, when in dust, to Thee,
 S Low we bow th' adoring knee,
 When, repentant, to the skies
 Scarce we lift our streaming eyes,
 Oh by all Thy pains and woe,
 Suffered once for man below,
 Bending from Thy throne on high,
 Hear our solemn litany.

- 2 By Thy birth and early years,
 By Thy human griefs and fears,
 By Thy fasting and distress
 In the lonely wilderness;
 By the victory in the hour
 Of the subtle tempter's power;
 Jesus, look with pitying eye:
 Hear our solemn litany.
- 3 By Thine hour of dark despair,
 By Thine agony of prayer,
 By the purple robe of scorn,
 By Thy wounds—Thy crown of thorns,
 By Thy cross—Thy pangs and cries,
 By Thy perfect sacrifice,
 Jesus look with pitying eye;
 Hear our solemn litany.
- 4 By Thy deep expiring groan,
 By the sealed sepulchral stone,

By Thy triumph o'er the grave,
 By Thy power from death to save,
 Mighty God, ascended Lord,
 To Thy throne in heaven restored—
 Prince and Saviour, hear our cry,
 Hear our solemn litany.

84

Gethsemane.

L. M.

'TIS midnight—and on Olive's brow
 The star is dimmed that lately shone;
 'Tis midnight—in the garden now
 The suffering Saviour prays alone.

2 'Tis midnight—and from all removed,
 Immanuel wrestles lone with fears;
 E'en the disciple that He loved
 Heeds not his Master's griefs and tears.

3 'Tis midnight—and for others' guilt
 The Man of sorrows weeps in blood;
 Yet He that hath in anguish knelt
 Is not forsaken by His God.

4 'Tis midnight—and from ether plains,
 Is borne the song that angels know:
 Unheard by mortals are the strains
 That sweetly soothe the Saviour's woe.

85

Reflections on the Passion. P. M., 7, 6.

O SACRED Head, now wounded.
 With grief and pain weighed down!
 How scornfully surrounded
 With thorns—Thine only crown!
 O Sacred Head, what glory,
 What bliss till now was Thine!
 Yet, though despised and gory,
 I joy to call Thee mine.

2 How art Thou pale with anguish,
 With sore abuse and scorn!

How does that visage languish,
 Which once was bright as morn !
 Thy grief and Thy compassion
 Were all for sinners' gain ;
 Mine, mine was the transgression,
 But Thine the deadly pain.

3 What language shall I borrow
 To praise Thee, heavenly Friend,
 For this, Thy dying sorrow—
 Thy pity without end ?
 Lord, make me Thine for ever,
 Nor let me faithless prove ;
 Oh let me never, never
 Abuse such dying love.

4 Forbid that I should leave Thee ;
 O Jesus, leave not me ;
 By faith I would receive Thee :
 Thy blood can make me free ;
 When strength and comfort languish,
 And I must hence depart,
 Release me then from anguish,
 By Thine own wounded heart.

86 *The Conqueror of Death.* L. M.

HE dies, the Friend of sinners dies !
 Lo ! Salem's daughters weep around ;
 A solemn darkness veils the skies,
 A sudden trembling shakes the ground.

2 Come, saints, and drop your tears anew
 For Him who groaned beneath your load ;
 He shed a thousand drops for you,
 A thousand drops of richest blood !

3 Here's love and grief beyond degree :
 The Lord of glory dies for men !
 But, lo ! what sudden joys we see !
 Jesus, the dead, revives again.

- 4 The rising God forsakes the tomb,
Up to His Father's court He flies;
Cherubic legions guard Him home,
And shout Him welcome to the skies.
- 5 Break off your tears, ye saints, and tell
How high our great Deliverer reigns;
Sing how He spoiled the hosts of hell,
And led the monster Death in chains.
- 6 Say: "Live for ever, wondrous King!
Born to redeem, and strong to save!"
Then ask the monster: "Where's thy sting?
And where's thy victory, boasting grave?"

87

Isaiah lxiii.

P. M., 8, 7.

- WHO is this that comes from Edom,
All His raiment stained with blood,
To the captive speaking freedom,
Bringing and bestowing good;
Glorious in the garb He wears,
Glorious in the spoil He bears?
- 2 'Tis the Saviour, now victorious,
Traveling onward in His might;
'Tis the Saviour, oh how glorious
To His people is the sight!
Satan conquered, and the grave;
Jesus now is strong to save.
- 3 Why that blood His raiment staining?
'Tis the blood of many slain;
Of His foes there's none remaining,
None the contest to maintain:
Fallen they are, no more to rise,
All their glory prostrate lies.
- 4 Mighty Victor! reign for ever,
Wear the crown so dearly won;

Never shall Thy people, never,
 Cease to sing what Thou hast done :
 Thou hast fought Thy people's foes ;
 Thou hast healed Thy people's woes.

88

Death of Christ.

L. M.

STRETCHED on the cross, the Saviour
 Dies ;

Hark ! His expiring groans arise !
 See, from His hands, His feet, His side,
 Runs down the sacred crimson tide !

- 2 But life attends the dreadful sound,
 And flows from every bleeding wound ;
 The vital stream, how free it flows
 To save and cleanse His rebel foes !
- 3 To suffer in the traitor's place,
 To die for man, surprising grace !
 Yet pass rebellious angels by—
 Oh why for man, dear Saviour, why ?
- 4 Can I survey this scene of woe,
 Where mingling grief and wonder flow ;
 And yet my heart unmoved remain,
 Insensible to love or pain ?
- 5 Come, dearest Lord ! Thy grace impart,
 To warm this cold, unfeeling heart ;
 Till all its powers and passions move
 In melting grief and ardent love.

89

Christ Dying.

P. M., 8, 7.

STRICKEN, smitten and afflicted,
 See Him dying on the tree ;
 'Tis the Christ by man rejected,
 Yes, my soul, 'tis He ! 'tis He !
 'Tis the long-expected prophet,
 David's Son, yet David's Lord ;
 Proofs I see sufficient of it :
 'Tis a true and faithful word.

- 2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning,
 Was there ever grief like His?
 Friends through fear His cause disowning,
 Foes insulting His distress:
 Many hands were raised to wound Him,
 None would interpose to save;
 But the deepest stroke that pierced Him
 Was the stroke that justice gave.
- 3 Ye who think of sin but lightly,
 Nor suppose the evil great,
 Here may view its nature rightly,
 Here its guilt may estimate.
 Mark the sacrifice appointed!
 See who bears the awful load;
 'Tis the Word, the Lord's Anointed,
 Son of man, and Son of God.
- 4 Here we have a firm foundation;
 Here's the refuge of the lost:
 Christ's the rock of our salvation:
 His the name of which we boast:
 Lamb of God, for sinners wounded!
 Sacrifice to cancel guilt!
 None shall ever be confounded
 Who on Him their hope have built.

RESURRECTION.

- ANGEL, roll the rock away!
 A Death, yield up the mighty prey:
 See! He rises from the tomb,
 Glowing with immortal bloom.
- 2 'Tis the Saviour! angels raise
 Fame's eternal trump of praise;
 Let the world's remotest bound,
 Hear the joy-inspiring sound.

3 Heaven unfolds its portals wide !
Mighty Conqueror ! through them ride ;
King of glory ! mount Thy throne,
Boundless empire is Thine own.

4 Hosts of heaven, seraphic choirs,
Raptured sweep your golden lyres ;
Sons of men, in humbler strain,
Sing your mighty Saviour's reign.

5 Every note with rapture swell,
Sin o'erthrown, and captive hell !
Where, O Death, is now thy sting ?
Where thy terrors, vanquished king ?

91 *Resurrection.* P. M., 7.

"CHRIST, the Lord, is risen to-day,"
Sons of men and angels say ;
Raise your joys and triumphs high ;
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply.

2 Love's redeeming work is done ;
Fought the fight, the victory won :
Jesus' agony is o'er ;
Darkness visits earth no more.

3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal ;
Christ has burst the gates of hell :
Death in vain forbids His rise ;
Christ has opened Paradise.

4 Lives again our glorious King :
Where, O Death, is now thy sting ?
Dying once, He all doth save :
Where thy victory, O grave ?

92 *Psalm cxviii.* S. M.

SEE what a living stone
The builders did refuse !
Yet God hath built His church thereon.
In spite of envious Jews.

- 2 The work, O Lord, is Thine,
And wondrous in our eyes :
This day declares it all divine,
This day did Jesus rise.
- 3 Since He hath left the grave,
His promises are true ;
And each exalted hope He gave
Confirmed of heaven we view.
- 4 Hosanna to the King
Of David's royal blood !
Bless Him, ye saints ; He comes to bring
Salvation from your God.
- 5 Oh come the happy hour,
When all the world shall own
Thy Son, O God, declared with power,
And worship at Thy throne !
- 6 We bless Thy holy word,
Which all this grace displays ;
And offer on Thine altar, Lord,
Our sacrifice of praise.

- H**OW calm and beautiful the morn
That gilds the sacred tomb,
Where once the Crucified was borne,
And veiled in midnight gloom :
Oh weep no more the Saviour slain ;
The Lord is risen—He lives again.
- 2 Ye mourning saints ! dry every tear
For your departed Lord ;
"Behold the place—He is not there,"
The tomb is all unbarred :
The gates of death were closed in vain :
The Lord is risen—He lives again.

- 3 Now cheerful to the house of prayer
 Your early footsteps bend ;
 The Saviour will Himself be there,
 Your advocate and friend :
 Once by the law your hopes were slain,
 But now in Christ ye live again.
- 4 How tranquil now the rising day !
 'Tis Jesus still appears,
 A risen Lord to chase away
 Your unbelieving fears :
 Oh weep no more your comforts slain,
 The Lord is risen—He lives again.
- 5 And when the shades of evening fall,
 When life's last hour draws nigh,
 If Jesus shine upon the soul,
 How blissful then to die !
 Since He has risen who once was slain,
 Ye die in Christ to live again.

ASCENSION.

94

P. M., 7.

- J**ESUS, our triumphant Head,
 Risen victorious from the dead,
 To the realms of glory's gone,
 To ascend His rightful throne.
- 2 Cherubs on the Conqueror gaze,
 Seraphs glow with brighter blaze ;
 Each bright order of the sky
 Hails Him as He passes by.
- 3 Heaven its King congratulates,
 Opens wide her golden gates :
 Angels songs of victory bring ;
 All the blissful regions ring.

- 4 Sinners, join the heavenly powers,
 For redemption all is ours :
 Humble penitents shall prove
 Blood-bought pardon, dying love.
- 5 Hail, Thou dear, Thou worthy Lord !
 Holy Lamb ! incarnate Word !
 Hail, Thou suffering Son of God !
 Take the trophies of Thy blood.

MEDIATORIAL REIGN.

95

H. M.

- GIRD on Thy conquering sword,
 G Ascend Thy shining car,
 And march, almighty Lord !
 To wage Thy holy war.
 Before His wheels, in glad surprise,
 Ye valleys, rise, and sink, ye hills.
- 2 Fair truth, and smiling love,
 And injured righteousness,
 Under Thy banners move,
 And seek from Thee redress ;
 Thou in their cause shalt prosperous ride,
 And far and wide dispense Thy laws.
- 3 Before Thine awful face
 Millions of foes shall fall,
 The captives of Thy grace—
 The grace that captures all.
 The world shall know, great King of kings,
 What wondrous things Thine arm can do.
- 4 Here to my willing soul
 Bend Thy triumphant way ;
 Here every foe control,
 And all Thy power display ;
 My heart, Thy throne, blest Jesus ! see,
 Bows low to Thee, to Thee alone.

SECOND ADVENT.

96

P. M., 7.

HARK! that shout of rapturous joy,
 Bursting forth from yonder cloud!
 Jesus comes, and through the sky
 Angels tell their joy aloud!

2 Hark! the trumpet's awful voice
 Sounds abroad, through sea and land;
 Let His people now rejoice!
 Their redemption is at hand.

3 See! the Lord appears in view;
 Heaven and earth before Him fly!
 Rise, ye saints, He comes for you—
 Rise to meet Him in the sky.

4 Go, and dwell with Him above,
 Where no foe can e'er molest;
 Happy in the Saviour's love,
 Ever blessing, ever blest.

97

The Lord shall Come.

L. M.

THE Lord shall come! the earth shall
 quake;
 The mountains to their centre shake;
 And, withering from the vault of night,
 The stars withdraw their feeble light.

2 The Lord shall come! but not the same
 As once in lowly form He came—
 A silent Lamb before His foes,
 A weary man, and full of woes.

3 The Lord shall come! a dreadful form,
 With wreath of flame, and robe of storm,
 On cherub-wings, and wings of wind,
 Anointed Judge of humankind.

- 4 Can this be He, who wont to stray
 A pilgrim on the world's highway,
 By power oppressed, and mocked by
 pride—
 The Nazarene, the Crucified?

PRAISE TO THE REDEEMER.

- 98 *Crown Him Lord of All.* C. M.

ALL hail the power of Jesus' name!
 Let angels prostrate fall:
 Bring forth the royal diadem,
 And crown Him Lord of all!

- 2 Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God,
 Who from His altar call;
 Extoll the stem of Jesse's rod,
 And crown Him Lord of all!

- 3 Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
 A remnant weak and small,
 Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
 And crown Him Lord of all!

- 4 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
 The wormwood and the gall,
 Go, spread your trophies at His feet,
 And crown Him Lord of all!

- 5 Let every kindred, every tribe,
 On this terrestrial ball,
 To Him all majesty ascribe,
 And crown Him Lord of all!

- 99 *Advent.* C. M.

JOY to the world! the Lord has come!
 Let earth receive her King:
 Let every heart prepare Him room,
 And heaven and nature sing.

- 2 Joy to the earth ! the Saviour reigns,
Let men their songs employ ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and
plains,
Repeat the sounding joy.
- 3 No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground ;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found.
- 4 He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love.

100

Tribute to the Lamb.

C. M.

- COME, let us join our cheerful songs
With angels round the throne ;
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues,
But all their joys are one.
- 2 “ Worthy the Lamb that died,” they cry,
To be exalted thus ;
“ Worthy the Lamb,” our lips reply,
For He was slain for us.
- 3 Jesus is worthy to receive
Honor and power divine ;
And blessings more than we can give
Be, Lord, for ever Thine.
- 4 Let all that dwell above the sky,
And air and earth and seas,
Conspire to lift Thy glories high,
And speak Thine endless praise !

101

Praise.

L. M.

ALL glorious God, what hymns of praise
Shall our transported voices raise!
What ardent love and zeal are due,
While heaven stands open to our view!

2 Once we were fallen, and oh how low!
Just on the brink of endless woe:
When Jesus, from the realms above,
Born on the wings of boundless love,

3 Scattered the shades of death and night,
And spread around His heavenly light:
By Him what wondrous grace is shown
To souls impoverished and undone!

4 He shows, beyond these mortal shores,
A bright inheritance as ours;
Where saints in light our coming wait,
To share their holy, happy state.

102

Praise to Christ.

C. M.

OH for a thousand tongues to sing
My dear Redeemer's praise;
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace!

2 My gracious Master, and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy name.

3 Jesus, the name that calms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears;
'Tis life and health and peace.

4 He breaks the power of reigning sin,
 He sets the prisoner free;
 His blood can make the foulest clean;
 His blood availed for me.

5 Let us obey—we then shall know,
 Shall feel our sins forgiven;
 Anticipate our heaven below,
 And own that love is heaven.

103

Kedron.

P. M., 11.

THOU sweet gliding Kedron, by thy silver
 streams
 Our Saviour at midnight, when moonlight's
 pale beams
 Shone bright on the waters, would frequently
 stray,
 And lose in thy murmurs the toils of the
 day.

2 How damp were the vapors that fell on His
 head!
 How hard was His pillow, how humble His
 bed!
 The angels, astonished, grew sad at the
 sight,
 And followed their Master with solemn de-
 light.

3 O garden of Olives, thou dear honored
 spot,
 The fame of thy wonders shall ne'er be for-
 got;
 The theme most transporting to seraphs
 above;
 The triumph of sorrow—the triumph of
 love.

4 Come, saints, and adore Him ; come, bow at
His feet !

Oh give Him the glory, the praise that is
meet ;

Let joyful hosannas unceasing arise,
And join the full chorus that gladdens the
skies.

104

Praise the Lord.

P. M., 8, 7.

PRAISE the Lord ! ye heavens, adore
Him ;

Praise Him, angels in the height ;
Sun and moon, rejoice before Him ;
Praise Him, all ye stars of light !

2 Praise the Lord—for He hath spoken ;
Worlds His mighty voice obeyed ;
Laws which never shall be broken,
For their guidance He hath made.

3 Praise the Lord—for He is glorious ;
Never shall His promise fail ;
God hath made His saints victorious,
Sin and death shall not prevail.

4 Praise the God of our salvation,
Hosts on high His power proclaim ;
Heaven and earth, and all creation,
Laud and magnify His name !

105

Jesus Reigns.

8, 7.

HARK ! ten thousand harps and voices
Sound the notes of praise above ;
Jesus reigns, and heaven rejoices—

Jesus reigns, the God of love :
See He sits on yonder throne ;
Jesus rules the world alone.

- 2 Jesus, hail ! whose glory brightens
 All above, and gives it worth ;
 Lord of life, Thy smile enlightens,
 Cheers and charms Thy saints on earth :
 When we think of love like Thine,
 Lord, we own it love divine.
- 3 King of glory, reign for ever ;
 Thine an everlasting crown ;
 Nothing from Thy love shall sever
 Those whom Thou hast made Thine own ;
 Happy objects of Thy grace,
 Destined to behold Thy face !
- 4 Saviour, hasten Thine appearing ;
 Bring, oh bring the glorious day,
 When, the awful summons hearing,
 Heaven and earth shall pass away :
 Then, with golden harps, we'll sing,
 "Glory, glory to our King."

106

Preservation and Redemption.

C. M.

YE humble souls, approach your God
 With songs of sacred praise ;
 For He is good, immensely good,
 And kind are all His ways.

- 2 All nature owns His guardian care ;
 In Him we live and move ;
 But nobler benefits declare
 The wonders of His love.
- 3 He gave His Son, His only Son,
 To ransom rebel worms ;
 'Tis here He makes His goodness known
 In its diviner forms.

- 4 To this dear refuge, Lord, we come ;
 On this our hope relies ;
 A safe defence, a peaceful home,
 When storms of trouble rise.
- 5 Thine eye beholds with kind regard
 The souls who trust in Thee ;
 Their humble hope Thou wilt reward
 With bliss divinely free.
- 6 Great God, to Thine almighty love
 What honors shall we raise !
 Not all the raptured songs above
 Can render equal praise.

GOD THE SPIRIT.

INVOKED.

107

L. M.

- E**TERNAL Spirit ! we confess
 And sing the wonders of Thy grace :
 Thy power conveys our blessings down
 From God the Father and the Son.
- 2 Enlightened by Thine heavenly ray,
 Our shades and darkness turn to day :
 Thine inward teachings make us know
 Our danger and our refuge too.
- 3 Thy glorious power works within,
 And breaks the chains of reigning sin,
 Doth our imperious lusts subdue,
 And forms our wretched hearts anew.
- 4 The troubled conscience knows Thy voice,
 Thy cheering words awake our joys ;
 Thy words allay the stormy wind,
 And calm the surges of the mind

108 *The Spirit's Presence Desired.* C. M.

SPIRIT divine, attend our prayer,
And make this house Thy home ;
Descend with all Thy gracious power ;
Oh come, great Spirit, come.

- 2 Come as the light—to us reveal
Our sinfulness and woe,
And lead us in the paths of life,
Where all the righteous go.
- 3 Come as the fire, and purge our hearts,
Like sacrificial flame ;
Let every soul an offering be
To our Redeemer's name.
- 4 Come, as a dove, and spread Thy wings,
The wings of peaceful love,
And let the Church on earth become
Blest as the Church above.

109 *Sanctifying Influence.* S. M.

COME, Holy Spirit, come,
Let Thy bright beams arise ;
Dispel the sorrow from our minds,
The darkness from our eyes.

- 2 Convince us of our sin ;
Then lead to Jesus' blood ;
And to our wondering view reveal
The secret love of God.
- 3 Revive our drooping faith :
Our doubts and fears remove ;
And kindle in our breasts the flame
Of never-dying love.
- 4 'Tis Thine to cleanse the heart,
To sanctify the soul,

To pour fresh life in every part,
And new-create the whole.

- 5 Come, Holy Spirit! come;
Our minds from bondage free:
Then shall we know, and praise, and love,
The Father, Son, and Thee.

110

Holiness Desired.

C. M.

COME, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,
With all Thy quickening powers,
Kindle a flame of sacred love
In these cold hearts of ours.

- 2 See, how we grovel here below
Fond of these earthly toys!
Our souls, how heavily they go
To reach eternal joys!
- 3 Dear Lord! and shall we always live
At this poor, dying rate?
Our love so cold, so faint to Thee,
And Thine to us so great?
- 4 Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,
With all Thy quickening powers;
Come, shed abroad a Saviour's love,
And that shall kindle ours.

111

Spirit Invoked.

L. M

COME, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove,
With light and comfort from above,
Be Thou our guardian, Thou our guide;
O'er every thought and step preside.

- 2 Conduct us safe, conduct us far
From every sin and hurtful snare:
Lead to Thy word, that rules must give,
And teach us lessons how to live.

3 The light of truth to us display,
That we may know and love Thy way;
Plant holy fear in every heart,
That we from Thee may ne'er depart.

4 Lead us to righteousness, the road
That we must take to dwell with God;
Lead us to heaven, the seat of bliss,
Where pleasure in perfection is.

112 *To the Spirit.* P. M., 8, 7, 8, 7, 7, 7, 8, 8.

HOLY Ghost, dispel our sadness,
Pierce the clouds of sinful night:
Come, Thou Source of all our gladness,
Breathe Thy life and spread Thy light;
Loving Spirit, God of peace,
Great distributor of grace,
Rest upon this congregation!
Hear, oh hear our supplication.

2 From that height which knows no measure
As a gracious shower descend;
Bringing down the richest treasure
Man can wish, or God can send.
Oh Thou Glory, shining down
From the Father and the Son,
Grant us Thine illumination!
Rest on all this congregation.

3 Come, Thou best of all donations
God can give, or we implore;
Having Thy sweet consolations,
We need wish for nothing more:
Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,
Now descending from above,
Rest on all this congregation,
Make our hearts Thy habitation.

POURED OUT.

113

Prayer to the Spirit.

L. M.

O SPIRIT of the living God!
 In all Thy plenitude of grace,
 Where'er the foot of man hath trod,
 Descend on our apostate race.

2 Be darkness, at Thy coming, light;
 Confusion, order, in Thy path;
 Souls without strength inspire with might;
 Bid mercy triumph over wrath.

3 Baptize the nations; far and nigh,
 The triumphs of the cross record;
 The name of Jesus glorify,
 Till every kindred call Him Lord.

4 God from eternity hath willed
 All flesh shall His salvation see;
 So be the Father's love fulfilled,
 The Saviour's sufferings crowned through
 Thee.

114

Whitsunday.

C. M.

SPIRIT of truth, on this Thy day,
 To Thee for help we cry,
 To guide us through the weary way
 Of dark mortality.

2 We ask not, Lord, the cloven flame,
 Or tongues of various tone;
 But long Thy praises to proclaim,
 With fervor in our own.

3 We mourn not that prophetic skill
 Is found on earth no more:
 Enough for us to trace Thy will
 In Scripture's sacred lore.

- 4 When tongues shall cease, and power decay,
 And knowledge empty prove,
 Do Thou Thy trembling servants stay
 With faith, and hope, and love.

THE CHURCH.

NATURE AND BLESSEDNESS.

115 Psalm xlviii. 12-14. C. M.

HOW honored is the sacred place
 Where we adoring stand—
 Zion! the glory of the earth,
 And beauty of the land!

- 2 Bulwarks of mighty grace defend
 The city where we dwell:
 The walls, of strong salvation made,
 Defy th' assaults of hell.
- 3 Lift up the everlasting gates,
 The doors wide open fling;
 Enter, ye nations that obey
 The statutes of our King.
- 4 Here shall you taste unmingled joys,
 And live in perfect peace;
 You who have known Jehovah's name,
 And ventured on His grace.
- 5 Trust in the Lord; for ever trust,
 And banish all your fears:
 Strength in the Lord Jehovah dwells,
 Eternal as His years.

116 *The Church.* S. M.

HOW charming is the place
 Where my Redeemer, God,
 Unveils the beauties of His face,
 And sheds His love abroad!

- 2 Here, on the mercy-seat,
With radiant glory crowned,
Our joyful eyes behold Him sit,
And smile on all around.
- 3 To Him our prayers and cries
Our humble souls present ;
He listens to our broken sighs,
And grants us every want.
- 4 Give me, O Lord, a place
Within Thy blest abode,
Among the children of Thy grace,
The servants of my God.

117 *Longing for our Heavenly Home.* L. M.

- O ZION! when I think of Thee,
I wish for pinions like a dove,
And mourn to think that I should be
So distant from the place I love.
- 2 An exile here, and far from home,
For Zion's sacred walls I sigh ;
Thither the ransomed nations come,
And see the Saviour eye to eye.
- 3 While here I walk on hostile ground,
The few that I can call my friends
Are, like myself, with fetters bound,
And weariness our steps attends.
- 4 But yet we shall behold the day
When Zion's children shall return ;
Our sorrows then shall flee away,
And we shall never, never mourn.
- 5 The hope that such a day will come
Makes e'en the exile's portion sweet ;
Though now we wander far from home,
In Zion soon we all shall meet.

118

Zion Mourning.

L. M.

GREAT Shepherd of Thine Israel,
 G Who didst between the cherubs dwell,
 And lead the tribes, Thy chosen sheep,
 Safe through the desert and the deep,—

- 2 Thy Church is in the desert now—
 Shine from on high, and guide us through;
 Turn us to Thee—Thy love restore,
 We shall be saved, and sigh no more.
- 3 Hast Thou not planted with Thy hand
 A lovely vine in this our land?
 Did not Thy power defend it round,
 And heavenly dew enrich the ground?
- 4 Return, almighty God, return,
 Nor let Thy bleeding vineyard mourn;
 Turn us to Thee—Thy love restore,
 We shall be saved, and sigh no more.

VICISSITUDES.

119

Prayer for a Revival. P. M., 8, 7, 4.

SAVIOUR, visit Thy plantation,
 S Grant us, Lord, a gracious rain!

All will come to desolation,

Unless Thou return again:

Lord, revive us,

All our help must come from Thee.

- 2 Surely, once Thy garden flourished,
 Every part looked gay and green:
 Then Thy word our spirits nourished—
 Happy seasons we have seen!
 Lord, etc.

- 3 But a drought has since succeeded,
 And a sad decline we see;

Lord, Thy help is greatly needed—
Help can only come from Thee.
Lord, etc.

4 Some in whom we once delighted
We shall meet no more below;
Some, alas! we fear are blighted,
Scarce a single leaf they show.
Lord, etc.

5 Dearest Saviour, hasten hither,
Thou canst make them bloom again!
Oh permit them not to wither,
Let not all our hopes be vain.
Lord, etc.

6 Let our mutual love be fervent;
Make us prevalent in prayers;
Let each one, esteemed Thy servant,
Shun the world's bewitching snares.
Lord, etc.

7 Break the tempter's fatal power;
Turn the stony heart to flesh;
And begin from this good hour
To revive Thy work afresh.
Lord, revive us,
All our help must come from Thee.

WHEN we, our weary limbs to rest,
Sat down by proud Euphrates' stream,
We wept with doleful thoughts oppressed,
And Zion was our mournful theme.

2 Our harps, that when with joy we sung,
Were wont their tuneful parts to bear,
With silent strings neglected hung
On willow trees that withered there.

- 3 O Salem, our once happy seat,
 When I of thee forgetful prove,
 Let then my trembling hand forget
 The speaking strings with art to move!
- 4 If I to mention thee forbear,
 Perpetual silence be my doom;
 Or if my chiefest joy compare
 With thee, Jerusalem, my home!

REVIVED.

121

The Fountain.

P. M., 8, 7, 4.

- SEE, from Zion's sacred mountain
 Streams of living water flow;
 God has opened there a fountain
 That supplies the world below:
 They are blessed
 Who its sovereign virtues know.
- 2 Through ten thousand channels flowing,
 Streams of mercy find their way;
 Life and health and joy bestowing,
 Waking beauty from decay:
 O ye nations,
 Hail the long-expected day.
- 3 Gladdened by the flowing treasure,
 All-enriching as it goes,
 Lo! the desert smiles with pleasure,
 Buds and blossoms as the rose:
 Lo! the desert
 Sings for joy, where'er it flows.

122

Zion Triumphant.

P. M., 11, 10.

- DAUGHTER of Zion, awake from thy
 sadness,
 Wake! for thy foes shall oppress thee no
 more;

Bright o'er the hills dawns the day-star of
gladness,

Rise! for the night of thy sorrows is o'er.

2 Strong were thy foes; but the Arm that subdued them

And scattered their legions was mightier
far;

They fled like the chaff, from the scourge
that pursued them,

Vain were their steeds and their chariots
of war.

3 Daughter of Zion, the Power that hath saved
thee

Extolled with the harp and the timbrel
should be;

Shout! for the foe is destroyed that enslaved
thee,

Th' oppressor is vanquished, and Zion is
free.

ON the mountain's top appearing,

Lo! the sacred herald stands;

Welcome news to Zion bearing,

Zion long in hostile lands:

Mourning captive,

God himself will loose thy bands.

2 Has thy night been long and mournful,

All thy friends unfaithful proved?

Have thy foes been proud and scornful,

By thy sighs and tears unmoved?

Cease thy mourning,

Zion still is well beloved.

3 God, thy God, will now restore thee!

He himself appears thy friend:

All thy foes shall flee before thee;
 Here their boasts and triumphs end.
 Great deliverance
 Zion's King vouchsafes to send.

- 4 Peace and joy shall now attend thee,
 All thy warfare now is past,
 God, thy Saviour, shall defend thee,
 Peace and joy are come at last;
 All thy conflicts
 End in everlasting rest.

TRIUMPHANT.

124

Psalm cxxxvii.

S. M.

- I** LOVE Thy kingdom, Lord!
 The house of Thine abode;
 The Church, O blest Redeemer! saved
 With Thine own precious blood.
- 2 I love Thy Church, O God!
 Her walls before Thee stand,
 Dear as the apple of Thine eye,
 And graven on Thy hand.
- 3 If e'er to bless thy sons
 My voice or hands deny:
 These hands let useful skill forsake,
 This voice in silence die.
- 4 If e'er my heart forget
 Her welfare or her woe:
 Let every joy this heart forsake,
 And every grief o'erflow.
- 5 For her my tears shall fall;
 For her my prayers ascend;
 To her my cares and toils be given,
 Till toils and cares shall end.

- 6 Beyond my highest joy
 I prize her heavenly ways,
 Her sweet communion, solemn vows,
 Her hymns of love and praise.

125

Hebrews xii.

C. M.

- NOT to the terrors of the Lord,
 The tempest, fire and smoke :
 Not to the thunder of that Word
 Which God on Sinai spoke ;
- 2 But we are come to Zion's hill,
 The city of our God,
 Where milder worlds declare His will,
 And spread His love abroad.
- 3 Behold th' innumerable host
 Of angels clothed in light :
 Behold the spirits of the just
 Whose faith is changed to sight.
- 4 Behold the blest assembly there
 Whose names are writ in heaven ;
 Hear God, the Judge of all, declare,
 Their sins, through Christ, forgiven.
- 5 Angels and living saints and dead,
 But one communion make :
 All join in Christ, their vital Head,
 And of His love partake.

126

The Song of Jubilee.

P. M., 7.

- HARK ! the song of jubilee,
 Loud as mighty thunders roar,
 Or the fullness of the sea,
 When it breaks upon the shore !
- 2 See, Jehovah's banner's furled ;
 Sheathed His sword : He speaks — 'tis
 done !

Now the kingdoms of this world
Are the kingdom of His Son.

3 He shall reign from pole to pole
With supreme, unbounded sway;
He shall reign, when, like a scroll,
Yonder heavens have passed away.

4 Hallelujah! for the Lord
God omnipotent shall reign;
Hallelujah!—let the word
Echo round the earth and main.

5 Hallelujah! hark! the sound,
From the centre to the skies,
Wakes above, beneath, around,
All creation's harmonies.

6 Then the end—beneath His rod,
Man's last enemy shall fall:
Hallelujah! Christ in God,
God in Christ, is All in All.

127

Christ's Victory.

L. M.

JESUS shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2 People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on His love with grateful song;
And with united hearts proclaim
That grace and truth by Jesus came.

3 Blessings abound where'er He reigns;
The prisoner leaps to loose his chains
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blest.

- 4 Where He displays His healing power,
 The sting of death is known no more :
 In Him the sons of Adam boast
 More blessings than their father lost.

128

The City of God. P. M., 8, 7.

GLORIOUS things of thee are spoken,
 G Zion, city of our God ;
 He, whose word cannot be broken,
 Formed thee for His own abode :
 On the Rock of Ages founded,
 What can shake thy sure repose ?
 With salvation's walls surrounded,
 Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

- 2 See, the streams of living waters,
 Springing from eternal love,
 Well supply thy sons and daughters,
 And all fear of want remove :
 Who can faint while such a river
 Ever flows thy thirst t' assuage ?
 Grace which, like the Lord, the giver,
 Never fails from age to age.

- 3 'Round each habitation hovering,
 See the cloud and fire appear,
 For a glory and a covering,
 Showing that the Lord is near :
 Thus deriving from their banner
 Light by night and shade by day ;
 Safe they feed upon the manna
 Which He gives them when they pray.

129

Zion Triumphant.

L. M.

TRIUMPHANT Zion ! lift thy head
 From dust and darkness, and the dead !
 Though humbled long—awake at length,
 And gird thee with Thy Saviour's strength !

- 2 Put all thy beauteous garments on,
And let thy excellence be known ;
Decked in the robes of righteousness,
The world thy glories shall confess.
- 3 No more shall foes unclean invade,
And fill thy hallowed walls with dread ;
No more shall hell's insulting host
Their victory and thy sorrows boast.
- 4 God, from on high, has heard thy prayer
His hand thy ruins shall repair ;
Nor will thy watchful Monarch cease
To guard thee in eternal peace.

JOINING THE CHURCH.

130

The Ark of God.

S. M.

- OH cease, my wandering soul,
On restless wing to roam ;
All this wide world, to either pole,
Has not for thee a home !
- 2 Behold the ark of God ;
Behold the open door ;
Oh haste to gain that dear abode,
And rove, my soul, no more !
 - 3 There safe thou shalt abide,
There sweet shall be thy rest ;
And every longing satisfied,
With full salvation blest.

131

The Faithful Resolve.

P. M., 7.

PEOPLE of the living God,
I have sought the world around,
Paths of sin and sorrow trod,
Peace and comfort nowhere found.

- 2 Now to you my spirit turns—
 Turns a fugitive unblest ;
 Brethren, where your altar burns,
 Oh receive me into rest !
- 3 Lonely I no longer roam,
 Like the cloud, the wind, the wave ;
 Where you dwell shall be my home,
 Where you die shall be my grave.
- 4 Mine the God whom you adore ;
 Your Redeemer shall be mine ;
 Earth can fill my soul no more,
 Every idol I resign.
- 5 Tell me not of gain and loss,
 Ease, enjoyment, pomp and power ;
 Welcome, poverty and cross,
 Shame, reproach, affliction's power.
- 6 "Follow me !" I know Thy voice ;
 Jesus, Lord, Thy steps I see :
 Now I take Thy yoke by choice,
 Light's Thy burden now to me.

- M**Y God, accept my heart this day
 And make it always Thine,
 That I from Thee no more may stray,
 No more from Thee decline.
- 2 Before the cross of Him who died,
 Behold I prostrate fall :
 Let every sin be crucified,
 Let Christ be all in all.
- 3 Anoint me with Thy heavenly grace,
 Adopt me for Thine own,
 That I may see Thy glorious face,
 And worship at Thy throne.

- 4 May the dear blood once shed for me
 My blest atonement prove,
 That I from first to last may be
 The purchase of Thy love.
- 5 Let every thought, and work, and word,
 To Thee be ever given ;
 Then life shall be Thy service, Lord,
 And death the gate of heaven.

ATONEMENT.

ORIGIN AND NATURE.

133

L. M.

- E**RE earth's foundations yet were laid,
 Or heaven's fair roof was spread abroad ;
 Ere man a living soul was made,
 Love stirred within the heart of God.
- 2 Thy loving counsel gave to me
 True life in Christ, Thy only Son,
 Whom Thou hast made my way to Thee,
 From whom all grace flows ever down.
- 3 O Love, that long ere time began,
 This precious name of child bestowed,
 That opened heaven on earth to man,
 And called us sinners "sons of God !"
- 4 I am not worthy, Lord, that Thou
 Shouldst such compassion on me show—
 That He who made the world should bow
 To cheer with love a wretch so low.
- 5 Could I but honor Thee aright,
 Noble and sweet my song should be ;
 That earth and heaven should learn Thy
 might,
 And what my God hath done for me.

134

Praise to the Redeemer.

C. M.

- P**LUNGED in a gulf of dark despair
 We wretched sinners lay,
 Without one cheerful beam of hope,
 Or spark of glimmering day.
- 2 With pitying eyes, the Prince of Grace
 Beheld our helpless grief,
 He saw, and (oh amazing love !)
 He ran to our relief.
- 3 Down from the shining seats above
 With joyful haste He fled,
 Entered the grave in mortal flesh,
 And dwelt among the dead.
- 4 He spoiled the powers of darkness thus,
 And brake our iron chains ;
 Jesus has freed our captive souls
 From everlasting pains.
- 5 Oh for this love let rocks and hills
 Their lasting silence break,
 And all harmonious human tongues
 The Saviour's praises speak.
- 6 Angels, assist our mighty joys,
 Strike all your harps of gold ;
 But when you raise your highest notes
 His love can ne'er be told.

FULLNESS.

135

Year of Jubilee.

H. M.

BLOW ye the trumpet, blow
 The gladly solemn sound
 Let all the nations know,
 To earth's remotest bound,
 The year of Jubilee is come ;
 Return, ye ransomed sinners, home.

- 2 Exalt the Lamb of God,
 The sin-atonng Lamb ;
 Redemption by His blood
 Through all the lands proclaim :
 The year of Jubilee is come ;
 Return, ye ransomed sinners, home.
- 3 Ye slaves of sin and hell,
 Your liberty receive ;
 And safe in Jesus dwell,
 And blest in Jesus live :
 The year of Jubilee is come ;
 Return, ye ransomed sinners, home.
- 4 The gospel trumpet hear,
 The news of pardoning grace ;
 Ye happy souls, draw near,
 Behold your Saviour's face :
 The year of Jubilee is come ;
 Return, ye ransomed sinners, home.
- 5 Jesus, our great High Priest,
 Has full atonement made ;
 Ye weary spirits, rest ;
 Ye mournful souls, be glad :
 The year of Jubilee is come ;
 Return, ye ransomed sinners, home.

136

Salvation by Grace.

S. M.

GRACE! 'tis a charming sound !
 Harmonious to the ear !
 Heaven with the echo shall resound,
 And all the earth shall hear.

- 2 Grace first contrived the way
 To save rebellious man ;
 And all the means that grace display
 Which drew the wondrous plan.

- 3 Grace led my roving feet
 To tread the heavenly road;
 And new supplies, each hour, I meet,
 While pressing on to God.
- 4 Grace all the work shall crown,
 Through everlasting days;
 It lays in heaven the topmost stone,
 And well deserves the praise.

137

The Value of the Soul.

C. M.

- WHAT is the thing of greatest price 9
 The whole creation round?
 That which was lost in Paradise,
 That which in Christ is found.
- 2 The soul of man—Jehovah's breath,
 That keeps two worlds at strife;
 Hell moves beneath to work its death;
 Heaven stoops to give it life.
- 3 God, to redeem it, did not spare
 His well-beloved Son;
 Jesus, to save it, deigned to bear
 The sins of all in one.
- 4 And is this treasure borne below,
 In earthen vessels frail?
 Can none its utmost value know,
 Till flesh and spirit fail?
- 5 Then let us gather round the cross,
 That knowledge to obtain;
 Not by the soul's eternal loss,
 But everlasting gain.

GREATNESS.

138

Humble Trust.

L. M.

LORD, didst Thou die, but not for me?
 Am I forbid to trust Thy blood?
 Hast Thou not pardon, rich and free?
 And grace, an overwhelming flood?

- 2 Presumptuous thought! to fix the bound—
 To limit mercy's sovereign reign :
 What other happy souls have found,
 I'll seek ; nor shall I seek in vain.
- 3 I own my guilt, my sins confess ;
 Can men or devils make them more ?
 Of crimes, already numberless,
 Vain the attempt to swell the score.
- 4 Were the black list before my sight,
 While I remember Thou hast died,
 'Twould only urge my speedier flight
 To seek salvation at Thy side.
- 5 Low at Thy feet I'll cast me down,
 To Thee reveal my guilt and fear ;
 And, if Thou spurn me from Thy throne,
 I'll be the first who perished there.

PRAISE FOR THE ATONEMENT.

139

The Fountain Opened.

C. M.

- T**HERE is a fountain filled with blood
 Drawn from Immanuel's veins ;
 And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
 Lose all their guilty stains.
- 2 The dying thief rejoiced to see
 That fountain in his day ;
 Oh there may I, though vile as he,
 Wash all my sins away !
- 3 Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood
 Shall never lose its power,
 Till all the ransomed Church of God
 Be saved, to sin no more.
- 4 E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream
 Thy flowing wounds supply,
 Redeeming love has been my theme,
 And shall be till I die.

- 5 Then in a nobler, sweeter song,
 I'll sing Thy power to save;
 When this poor lisping, stammering tongue
 Lies silent in the grave.

140

Salvation.

C. M.

- SALVATION, oh the joyful sound!
 'Tis music to our ears;
 A sovereign balm for every wound,
 A cordial for our fears.
- 2 Buried in sorrow and in sin,
 At hell's dark door we lay:
 But we arise by grace divine.
 To see a heavenly day.
- 3 Salvation! let the echo fly
 The spacious earth around;
 While all the armies of the sky
 Conspire to raise the sound.

Chorus.

Glory, honor, praise and power,
 Be unto the Lamb for ever;
 Jesus Christ is our Redeemer,
 Hallelujah! praise the Lord!

141

Praise to Christ.

P. M., 8, 7.

- HAIL! Thou once-despiséd Jesus,
 Hail! Thou Galilean King!
 Thou didst suffer to release us;
 Thou didst free salvation bring:
 Hail! Thou agonizing Saviour,
 Bearer of our sin and shame!
 By Thy merits we find favor;
 Life is given through Thy name.
- 2 Paschal Lamb, by God appointed,
 All our sins on Thee were laid;

By almighty love anointed,
 Thou hast full atonement made :
 All Thy people are forgiven
 Through the virtue of Thy blood ;
 Opened is the gate of heaven ;
 Peace is made 'twixt man and God.

3 Jesus, hail ! enthroned in glory,
 There for ever to abide !
 All the heavenly host adore Thee,
 Seated at Thy Father's side :
 There for sinners Thou art pleading ;
 There Thou dost our place prepare ;
 Ever for us interceding,
 Till in glory we appear.

4 Worship, honor, power, blessing,
 Thou art worthy to receive ;
 Loudest praises, without ceasing,
 Meet it is for us to give :
 Help, ye bright angelic spirits !
 Bring your sweetest, noblest lays !
 Help to sing our Saviour's merits ;
 Help to chant Immanuel's praise.

ANGELIC MINISTRY.

142

The Ministry of Angels.

L. M.

GREAT God ! what hosts of angels stand
 In shining ranks at Thy right hand,
 Arrayed in robes of dazzling light,
 With pinions stretched for distant flight !

2 Immortal fires ! seraphic flames !
 Who can recount their various names ?
 In strength and beauty they excel ;
 For near the throne of God they dwell.

- 3 How eagerly they wish to know
 The duties He would have them do!
 What joy their active spirits feel,
 To execute their Sovereign's will!
- 4 Hither, at His command, they fly
 To guard the beds on which we lie,
 To shield our persons night and day,
 And scatter all our fears away.
- 5 Send, O my God, some angel down
 (Though to a mortal eye unknown)
 To guide and guard my doubtful way
 Up to the realms of endless day.

143

Psalm xci.

P. M., 8, 7.

GOD shall charge His angel legions
 Watch and ward o'er thee to keep:
 Though thou walk through hostile regions,
 Though in desert wilds thou sleep.

- 2 On the lion vainly roaring,
 On his young thy foot shall tread;
 And, the dragon's den's exploring,
 Thou shalt bruise the serpent's head.
- 3 Since, with pure and firm affection,
 Thou on God hast set thy love,
 With the wings of His protection
 He will shield thee from above.
- 4 Thou shalt call on Him in trouble,
 He will hearken, He will save;
 Here for grief reward thee double,
 Crown with life beyond the grave.

144

Sympathy of Angels.

C. M.

BEYOND the glittering, starry skies,
 Far as th' eternal hills,
 There, in the boundless worlds of light,
 Our dear Redeemer dwells.

- 2 Legions of angels round His throne
 In countless armies shine,
 And swell His praise with golden harps,
 Attuned to songs divine.
- 3 "Hail, glorious Prince of peace!" they cry,
 "Whose unexampled love
 Moved Thee to quit these glorious realms,
 And royalties above."
- 4 Through all His travels here below
 They did His steps attend,
 Oft wondering how, or where, at last,
 The mystic scene would end.
- 5 They saw His heart transfixed with wounds,
 And viewed the crimson gore;
 They saw Him break the bars of death,
 Which none e'er broke before.
- 6 They brought His chariot from above,
 To bear Him to His throne;
 Clapped their triumphant wings, and cried,
 "The glorious work is done!"

145 "*Ministering Spirits.*" P. M., 11.

HOW cheering the thought that the spirits
 in bliss
 Should bow their bright wings to a world
 such as this,
 And leave the sweet songs of the mansions
 above,
 To breathe o'er our bosom some message of
 love!

- 2 They come—on the wings of the morning
 they come,
 To convoy the stranger in peace to his
 home;

The pilgrim to waft from this stormy
 abode,
 And lay him to rest in the arms of his
 God.

3 They come when we wander, they come
 when we pray,
 In mercy to guard us wherever we stray:
 A glorious cloud their bright witness is
 given;
 Encircling us here are these angels of
 heaven.

146

Angels.

C. M.

ANGELS, where'er we go, attend
 A Our steps, whate'er betide,
 With watchful care their charge defend,
 And evil turn aside.

2 Myriads of bright cherubic bands,
 Sent by the King of kings,
 Rejoice to bear us in their hands,
 And shade us with their wings.

3 Jehovah's charioteers surround;
 The ministerial choir
 Encamp where'er his heirs are found,
 And form our wall of fire.

4 Ten thousand offices unseen
 For us they gladly do,
 Deliver in the furnace keen,
 And safe escort us through.

5 But thronging round, with busiest love
 They guard the dying breast,
 The lurking fiend far off remove,
 And sing our souls to rest.

- 6 And when our spirits we resign,
 On outstretched wings they bear,
 And lodge us in the arms divine,
 And leave us ever there.

GOSPEL MINISTRY.

147

Gospel Times.

S. M.

- H**OW beauteous are their feet
 Who stand on Zion's hill!
 Who bring salvation on their tongues,
 And words of peace reveal.
- 2 How charming is their voice!
 How sweet the tidings are!
 "Zion, behold thy Saviour King;
 He reigns and triumphs here."
- 3 How happy are our ears,
 That hear this joyful sound,
 Which kings and prophets waited for,
 And sought, but never found!
- 4 How blessed are our eyes,
 That see this heavenly light!
 Prophets and kings desired it long,
 But died without the sight.
- 5 The watchmen join their voice,
 And tuneful notes employ;
 Jerusalem breaks forth in songs,
 And deserts learn the joy.
- 6 The Lord makes bare His arm
 Through all the earth abroad;
 Let all the nations now behold
 Their Saviour and their God.

148

Armor of God.

S. M.

EQUIP me for the war,
And teach my hands to fight;
My simple, upright heart prepare,
And guide my words aright.

2 Control my every thought;
And all my sins remove;
Let all my works in Thee be wrought,
Let all be wrought in love.

3 Oh arm me with the mind,
Meek Lamb, that was in Thee!
And let enlightened zeal be joined
With perfect charity.

4 Oh may I love like Thee!
In all Thy footsteps tread;
Thou hatest all iniquity,
But naught that Thou hast made.

5 Oh may I learn the art
With meekness to reprove!
And hate the sin with all my heart,
But still the sinner love.

149

For the Success of Ministers.

L. M.

FATHER of mercies, bow Thine ear,
Attentive to our earnest prayer:
We plead for those who plead for Thee:
Successful pleaders may they be.

2 Oh clothe their words with power divine,
And let those words be ever Thine;
To them Thy sacred truth reveal;
Suppress their fear, inflame their zeal.

3 Teach them to sow the precious seed;
Teach them Thy chosen flock to feed;

Teach them immortal souls to gain—
And thus reward their toil and pain.

- 4 Let thronging multitudes around
Hear from their lips the joyful sound ;
In humble strains Thy grace implore,
And feel Thy Spirit's living power.

150 *Ordination of Ministers.* L. M.

AS when to ancient Horeb's brow
Moses, an humble shepherd, came,
And there, in solemn grandeur, Thou,
O Lord, addressed Him, 'midst the flame ;

- 2 So these, Thy waiting servants here,
Stand on as holy ground to-day,
In grateful love and reverent fear,
Thy better message to obey.

- 3 Hear Thou the solemn vows they make,
As round Thine altar low they bend ;
The offering of their spirits take,
And signals of acceptance send.

- 4 They go Thy sacred truth to tell ;
Break, as they preach, the heavy night,
Let gladness through the desert swell,
And cheer their path with living light.

- 5 Or if with tears the seed they bear,
And droop beneath their toil and pain,
Oh hear their sorrowing, humble prayer,
And with their heavy load sustain.

- 6 And when life's labors all are o'er,
May they with sheaves rejoicing come ;
Then round them cloudless glory pour,
And take them 'mid that glory home.

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Zion's Watchman.

C. M.

LET Zion's watchmen all awake,
And take th' alarm they give;
Now let them from the mouth of God
Their solemn charge receive.

2 'Tis not a cause of small import
The pastor's care demands;
But what might fill an angel's heart,
And filled a Saviour's hands.

3 They watch for those for whom the Lord
Did heavenly bliss forego;
For souls, that must for ever live
In rapture, or in woe.

4 May they that Jesus whom they preach,
Their own Redeemer, see!
And watch Thou daily o'er their souls,
That they may watch for Thee.

152 *On the Dangerous Illness of a Minister.* L. M.

THOU, before whose gracious throne
We bow our suppliant spirits down,
Thou knowest the anxious cares we feel,
And all our trembling lips would tell.

2 Avert Thy swift descending stroke,
Nor smite the shepherd of the flock,
Lest o'er the barren waste we stray,
To prowling wolves an easy prey.

3 Restore him sinking to the grave,
Stretch out Thine arm, make haste to save;
Back to our hope and wishes give,
And bid our friend and father live.

- 4 Yet, if our supplications fail,
And prayers and tears can naught prevail,
Condemned on this dark desert coast
To mourn our much-loved leader lost ;
- 5 Be Thou his strength, be Thou his stay,
Support him through the untried way ;
Comfort his soul, surround his bed,
And guide him through the dreary shade.
- 6 Around him may Thy angels wait,
Decked with their robes of heavenly state,
To teach his happy soul to rise,
And waft him to his native skies.

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For Ministerial Meetings.

S. M.

- AND are we yet alive,
And see each other's face ?
Glory and praise to Jesus give
For His redeeming grace !
Preserved by power divine
To full salvation here,
Again in Jesus' praise we join,
And in His sight appear.
- 2 What troubles have we seen !
What conflicts have we passed !
Fightings without, and fears within,
Since we assembled last ;
But out of all the Lord
Hath brought us by His love ;
And still He does His help afford,
And hides our life above.
- 3 Then let us make our boast
Of His redeeming power,
Which saves us to the uttermost,
Till we can sin no more :

Let us take up the cross,
 Till we the crown obtain ;
 And gladly reckon all things loss,
 So we may Jesus gain.

BAPTISM.

ADULTS.

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Romans vi.

C. M.

WE long to move and breathe in Thee,
 Inspired with Thine own breath,
 To live Thy life, O Lord, and be
 Baptized into Thy death.

2 Thy death to sin we die below,
 But we shall rise in love ;
 We here are planted in Thy woe,
 But we shall bloom above.

3 Above we shall Thy glory share,
 As we Thy cross have borne ;
 E'en we shall crowns of honor wear,
 When we the thorns have worn.

4 Thy crown of thorns is all our boast,
 While now we fall before
 The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
 And tremble, love, adore.

INFANTS.

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Matthew xix. 14.

C. M.

SEE Israel's gentle Shepherd stands,
 With all-engaging charms !
 Hark ! how He calls the tender lambs,
 And takes them in His arms !

- 2 "Permit them to approach, (He cries),
Nor scorn their humble name;
It was to save such souls as these
With power and love I came."
- 3 We bring them, Lord, with grateful hearts,
And yield them up to Thee;
Rejoiced that we ourselves are Thine,
Thine let our offspring be!
- 4 Thus Lydia's house was sanctified,
When she received the word;
Thus the believing jailer gave
His family to the Lord.
- 5 Ye little flock, with pleasure hear;
Ye children, seek His face;
And fly with transport to receive
The gospel of his grace.
- 6 If orphans they are left behind,
Thy care, O God! we trust;
And let Thy promise cheer our hearts,
If weeping o'er their dust.

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Infant Protection.

P. M., 8. 7.

SAVIOUR, who Thy flock art feeding
With the shepherd's kindest care,
All the feeble gently leading,
While the lambs Thy bosom share,—

- 2 Now, these little ones receiving,
Fold them in Thy gracious arm;
There, we know, Thy word believing,
Only there, secure from harm.
- 3 Never, from Thy pasture roving,
Let them be the lion's prey;
Let Thy tenderness, so loving,
Keep them all life's dangerous way:

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- 4 Then, within Thy fold eternal,
 Let them find a resting-place ;
Feed in pastures ever vernal,
 Drink the rivers of Thy grace.

THE LORD'S SUPPER.

157 *Its Institution.* L. M.

'TWAS on that dreadful, doleful night,
 When the whole power of darkness rose
Against the Son of God's delight,
 And friends betrayed Him to His foes.

- 2 Before the mournful scene began,
 He took the bread, and blessed and brake,
What love through all His actions ran !
 What wondrous words of grace He spake !

- 3 " 'This is my body broke for sin ;
 Receive and eat the living food :"
Then took the cup and blessed the wine :
 " 'Tis the new covenant in my blood."

- 4 " Do this (He said) till time shall end
In memory of your dying friend ;
Meet at my table and record
The love of your departed Lord."

158 "*In Remembrance of Me.*" C. M.

IF human kindness meets return,
 And owns the grateful tie ;
If tender thoughts within us burn,
 To feel a friend is nigh—

- 2 Oh shall not warmer accents tell
 The gratitude we owe
To Him, who died, our fears to quell—
 Who bore our guilt and woe ?

- 3 While yet in anguish He surveyed
 Those pangs He would not flee,
 What love His latest words displayed—
 “Meet and remember me!”
- 4 Remember Thee—Thy death, Thy shame,
 Our sinful hearts to share!
 O memory! leave no other name
 But His recorded there.

159 *Sitting at Jesus' Feet.* P. M., 8, 7.

- SWEET the moments, rich in blessing,
 Which before the cross I spend;
 Life, and health, and peace possessing,
 From the sinner's dying Friend:
- 2 Love and grief my heart dividing,
 With my tears His feet I'll bathe;
 Constant still, in faith abiding,
 Life deriving from His death.
- 3 Truly blessed is this station—
 Low before His cross I'll lie;
 While I see divine compassion
 Beaming from his languid eye;
- 4 Here I'll sit, for ever viewing
 Mercy streaming in His blood:
 Precious drops, my soul bedewing,
 Plead and claim my peace with God.

160 *Matthew xxvi. 26-29.* L. M

- “EAT, drink, in memory of your friend!”
 Such was our Master's last request;
 Who all the pangs of death endured,
 That we might live for ever blest.

- 2 Yes, we'll record Thy matchless grace,
Thou dearest, tenderest, best of friends!
Thy dying love the noblest praise
Of long eternity transcends.
- 3 'Tis pleasure more than earth can give,
Thy goodness through these veils to see,
Thy table food celestial yields;
And happy they who sit with Thee.
- 4 But oh! what vast transporting joys
Shall fill our breasts, our tongues inspire,
When, joined with the celestial train,
Our grateful souls Thy love admire!

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"Remember Thee."

C. M.

- ACCORDING to Thy gracious word,
In meek humility,
This will I do, my dying Lord,
I will remember Thee.
- 2 Thy body, broken for my sake,
My bread from heaven shall be;
Thy testamental cup I take,
And thus remember Thee.
- 3 Gethsemane can I forget?
Or there Thy conflict see,
Thine agony and bloody sweat,
And not remember Thee?
- 4 When to the cross I turn mine eyes,
And rest on Calvary,
Oh Lamb of God, my sacrifice!
I must remember Thee:
- 5 Remember Thee, and all Thy pains,
And all Thy love to me;

Yea, while a breath, a pulse remains,
Will I remember Thee.

- 6 And when these failing lips grow dumb,
And mind and memory flee,
When Thou shalt in Thy kingdom come,
Jesus, remember me.

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A Sacramental Hymn.

C. M.

L ORD, at Thy table I behold
The riches of Thy grace;
But wonder, most of all, that I
Should find a welcome place:

- 2 I that am all defiled with sin,
A rebel to my God;
I that have crucified His Son,
And trampled on His blood.
- 3 What strange, surprising grace is this,
That such a soul has room!
My Saviour takes me by the hand,
My Jesus bids me come.
- 4 "Eat, O my friend," the Saviour cries,
"The feast was made for you;
For you I groaned and bled and died,
And rose and triumphed too."
- 5 With trembling faith and bleeding hearts,
Lord, we accept Thy love:
'Tis a rich banquet we have had;
What will it be above!
- 6 Had I ten thousand hearts, dear Lord,
I'd give them all to Thee;
Had I ten thousand tongues, they all
Should join the harmony.

THE SABBATH.

163 *Commemorative of the Resurrection.* C. M.

THIS is the day the Lord hath made ;
He calls the hours His own :
Let heaven rejoice, let earth be glad,
And praise surround the throne.

2 To-day arose our glorious Head,
And death's dread empire fell ;
To-day, the saints His triumph spread,
And all its wonders tell.

3 Hosanna ! the anointed King
Ascends His destined throne :
To God our grateful homage bring,
And His Messiah own.

4 Blest be the Lord, who came to men
With messages of grace ;
Who came in God His Father's name
To save our sinful race.

5 Hosanna in the highest strains
The Church on earth can raise !
The highest heavens in which He reigns
Shall give Him nobler praise.

164 *The Sabbath.* C. M.

WHEN the worn spirit wants repose,
And sighs for God to seek,
How sweet to hail the evening's close
That ends the weary week !

2 How sweet will be the early dawn
That opens on the sight,
When first the soul-reviving morn
Shall shed new rays of light !

- 3 Blest day! thine hours too soon will cease,
Yet, while they gently roll,
Breathe, heavenly Spirit, source of peace,
A Sabbath o'er my soul.
- 4 When will my pilgrimage be done,
The world's long week be o'er,
That Sabbath dawn which needs no sun,
That day which fades no more?

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Sabbath Eve.

L. M.

- SWEET is the light of Sabbath eve,
S And soft the sunbeams lingering there;
For these blest hours the world I leave,
Wafted on wings of faith and prayer.
- 2 Season of rest! the tranquil soul
Feels the sweet calm, and melts in love;
And while these sacred moments roll,
Faith sees a smiling heaven above.
- 3 Nor will our days of toil be long:
Our pilgrimage will soon be trod;
And we shall join the ceaseless song,
The endless Sabbath of our God.

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Sabbath Delights.

L. M.

- SWEET is the work, my God, my King,
S To praise Thy name, give thanks and
sing;
To show Thy love by morning light,
And talk of all Thy truth by night.
- 2 Sweet is the day of sacred rest;
No mortal cares shall seize my breast;
Oh may my heart in tune be found,
Like David's harp of solemn sound!

- 3 When grace has purified my heart,
Then I shall share a glorious part;
And fresh supplies of joy be shed,
Like holy oil to cheer my head.
- 4 Then shall I see and hear and know
All I desired or wished below;
And every power find sweet employ
In that eternal world of joy.

- IS there a time when moments flow,
More peacefully than all beside?
It is, of all the times below,
A Sabbath eve in summer's tide.
- 2 Delightful scene! a world at rest,
A God of love—no grief, no fear;
A heavenly hope, a peaceful breast,
A smile unsullied by a tear.
- 3 If heaven be ever felt below,
A scene so heavenly, sure, as this,
May cause a heart on earth to know
Some foretaste of celestial bliss.
- 4 Delightful hour! how soon will night
Spread her dark mantle o'er her reign,
And soon the morn's returning light
Will call us to the world again!
- 5 Yet will there dawn at last a day,
A sun that never sets shall rise;
Night will not veil His glorious ray:
The heavenly Sabbath never dies.

PRAYER.

PRAYER IN GENERAL.

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Lord's Prayer.

C. M.

OUR Father, God, who art in heaven,
 All hallowed be Thy name!
 Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done,
 In earth and heaven the same!

- 2 Give us, this day, our daily bread;
 And as we those forgive
 Who sin against us, so may we
 Forgiving grace receive.
- 3 Into temptation lead us not;
 From evil set us free;
 And Thine the kingdom, Thine the power
 And glory, ever be!

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The Mercy-seat.

L. M.

FROM every stormy wind that blows,
 From every swelling tide of woes,
 There is a calm, a sure retreat;
 'Tis found beneath the mercy-seat.

- 2 There is a place where Jesus sheds
 The oil of gladness on our heads—
 A place, than all besides, more sweet;
 It is the blood-bought mercy-seat.
- 3 There is a scene where spirits blend,
 Where friend holds fellowship with friend;
 Though sundered far, by faith they meet
 Around one common mercy-seat.
- 4 Ah! whither could we flee for aid,
 When tempted, desolate, dismayed?
 Or how the hosts of hell defeat,
 Had suffering saints no mercy-seat?

- 5 There, there on eagle wings we soar,
 And sense and sin molest no more,
 And heaven comes down our souls to greet,
 And glory crowns the mercy-seat.
- 6 Oh! let my hand forget her skill,
 My tongue be silent, cold and still,
 This throbbing heart forget to beat,
 If I forget the mercy-seat.

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"Behold, he Prayeth."

C. M.

- PRAYER is the soul's sincere desire,
 Uttered or unexpressed,
 The motion of a hidden fire
 That trembles in the breast.
- 2 Prayer is the burden of a sigh,
 The falling of a tear;
 The upward glancing of an eye
 When none but God is near.
- 3 Prayer is the simplest form of speech
 That infant lips can try;
 Prayer the sublimest strains that reach
 The Majesty on high.
- 4 Prayer is the Christian's vital breath,
 The Christian's native air,
 His watchword at the gate of death—
 He enters heaven with prayer.
- 5 Prayer is the contrite sinner's voice,
 Returning from his ways,
 While angels in their songs rejoice,
 And say, "Behold, he prays."
- 6 In prayer, on earth, the saints are one;
 They're one in word and mind,
 When with the Father and the Son
 Sweet fellowship they find.

- 7 O Thou, by whom we come to God,
 The Life, the Truth, the Way,
 The path of prayer Thyself hast trod;
 Lord, teach us how to pray.

171 “*Pray without ceasing.*” L. M.

PRAYER was appointed to convey
 The blessings God designs to give;
 Long as they live should Christians pray,
 For only while they pray, they live.

- 2 The Christian's heart his prayer indites,
 He speaks as prompted from within;
 The Spirit his petition writes,
 And Christ receives, and gives it in.
- 3 And shall we in dead silence lie,
 When Christ stands waiting for our
 prayer?
 My soul, thou hast a Friend on high;
 Arise, and try thine interest there.
- 4 If pains afflict, or wrongs oppress—
 If cares distract, or fears dismay—
 If guilt deject—if sin distress,
 The remedy's before thee—pray.
- 5 'Tis prayer supports the soul that's weak;
 Though thought be broken—language
 lame,
 Pray, if thou canst, or canst not speak,
 But pray with faith in Jesus' name.

172 *Hour of Prayer.* L. M.

BLEST hour! when mortal man retires
 To hold communion with his God,
 To send to heaven his warm desires,
 And listen to the sacred word.

- 2 Blest hour! when God himself draws nigh,
 Well pleased His people's voice to hear,
 To hush the penitential sigh,
 And wipe away the mourner's tear.
- 3 Blest hour! for, where the Lord resorts,
 Foretastes of future bliss are given,
 And mortals find His earthly courts
 The house of God—the gate of heaven!
- 4 Hail, peaceful hour! supremely blest,
 Amid the hours of worldly care;
 The hour that yields the spirit rest,
 That sacred hour—the hour of prayer.
- 5 And when my hours of prayer are past,
 And this frail tenement decays,
 Then may I spend in heaven at last
 A never-ending hour of praise.

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Blessedness of Prayer.

C. M.

- NO, never shall my heart despond,
 Long as my lips can pray;
 My latest breath, with effort fond,
 Shall pass in prayer away.
- 2 There is a heavenly mercy-seat
 To calm the sinner's fears;
 There is a Saviour at whose feet
 The mourner dries his tears.
- 3 When friends depart, and hopes are riven,
 And gathering storms I see,
 My soul is but the sooner driven,
 Eternal Rock! to Thee.
- 4 Oh for a voice of sweeter sound,
 For every wind to bear,
 To teach the listening world around
 The blessedness of prayer!

174 *Exhortation to Prayer.* L. M.

WHAT various hindrances we meet
In coming to a mercy-seat!
Yet who that knows the worth of prayer,
But wishes to be often there!

2 Prayer makes the darkened cloud with-
draw;

Prayer climbs the ladder Jacob saw—
Gives exercise to faith and love—
Brings every blessing from above.

3 Restraining prayer, we cease to fight;
Prayer makes the Christian's armor bright;
And Satan trembles when he sees
The weakest saint upon his knees.

4 Have you no words? ah! think again:
Words flow apace when you complain,
And fill your fellow-creature's ear
With the sad tale of all your care.

5 Were half the breath thus vainly spent,
To heaven in supplications sent,
Your cheerful songs should oftener be,
"Hear what the Lord has done for me!"

175 *Importunate Prayer.* S. M.

THE Lord, who truly knows
The heart of every saint,
Invites us by His holy word,
To pray and never faint.

2 He bows His gracious ear;
We never plead in vain;
Yet we must wait till He appear,
And pray, and pray again.

- 3 Though unbelief suggest,
Why should we longer wait?
He bids us never give Him rest,
But be importunate.
- 4 'Twas thus a widow poor,
Without support or friend,
Beset the unjust judge's door,
And gained at last her end.
- 5 And shall not Jesus hear
His children when they cry?
Yes, though He may a while forbear,
He'll not their suit deny.
- 6 Then let us earnest be,
And never faint in prayer,
He loves our importunity,
And makes our cause His care.

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Power of Prayer.

C. M.

- T**HERE is an eye that never sleeps
Beneath the wing of night;
There is an ear that never shuts,
When sink the beams of light.
- 2 There is an arm that never tires,
When human strength gives way:
There is a love that never fails,
When earthly loves decay.
 - 3 That eye is fixed on seraph throngs;
That arm upholds the sky;
That ear is filled with angel songs;
That love is throned on high.
 - 4 But there's a power which man can wield
When mortal aid is vain,
That eye, that arm, that love to reach,
That listening ear to gain.

- 5 That power is prayer, which soars on high,
 Through Jesus, to the throne ;
 And moves the hand which moves the
 world,
 To bring salvation down !

SOCIAL PRAYER.

177 *Rejoicing in Hope.* P. M., 7.

CHILDREN of the heavenly King,
 As we journey, sweetly sing—
 Sing your Saviour's worthy praise,
 Glorious in His works and ways.

- 2 Ye are traveling home to God,
 In the way the fathers trod ;
 They are happy now, and ye
 Soon their happiness shall see.
- 3 Banished once, by sin betrayed,
 Christ our Advocate was made ;
 Pardoned now, no more we roam,
 Christ conducts us to our home.
- 4 Shout, ye little flock, and blest ;
 You on Jesus' throne shall rest :
 There your seat is now prepared—
 There your kingdom and reward.
- 5 Fear not, brethren ; joyful stand
 On the borders of your land ;
 Jesus Christ, your Father's Son,
 Bids you undismayed go on.
- 6 Lord, obediently we'll go,
 Gladly leaving all below ;
 Only Thou our leader be,
 And we still will follow Thee.

178 *Divine Presence Promised.* L. M.

WHERE two or three, with sweet accord,
Obedient to their sovereign Lord,
Meet to recount His acts of grace,
And offer solemn prayer and praise—

2 “There,” says the Saviour, “will I be,
Amid this little company;
To them unveil my smiling face,
And shed my glories round the place.”

3 We meet at Thy command, dear Lord,
Relying on Thy faithful word:
Now send Thy Spirit from above,
Now fill our hearts with heavenly love.

179 *Christian Fellowship.* C. M.

OUR souls, by love together knit,
Cemented, mixed in one,
One hope, one heart, one mind, one voice,
’Tis heaven on earth begun.

2 Our hearts have often burned within,
And glowed with sacred fire,
While Jesus spoke, and fed and blessed,
And filled th’ enlarged desire.

3 The little cloud increases still,
The heavens are big with rain;
We haste to catch the teeming shower,
And all its moisture drain.

4 A rill, a stream, a torrent flows;
But pour a mighty flood;
Oh sweep the nations, shake the earth,
’Till all proclaim Thee God.

5 And when Thou makest Thy jewels up,
 And sett'st Thy starry crown;
 When all Thy sparkling gems shall shine,
 Proclaimed by Thee Thine own,—

6 May we, a little band of love,
 We sinners, saved by grace,
 From glory unto glory changed,
 Behold Thee face to face.

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Imploring a Revival.

C. M.

RETIRE, vain world! a while retire,
 And leave us with the Lord;
 Thy gifts ne'er fill one just desire,
 Nor lasting bliss afford.

2 Blest Jesus! come now gently down,
 And fill this hallowed place;
 Oh make Thy glorious goings known—
 Diffuse around Thy grace.

3 Shine, dearest Lord, from realms of day—
 Disperse the gloom of night;
 Chase all our clouds and doubts away,
 And turn the shades to light.

4 Behold, and pity, from above,
 Our cold and languid frame;
 Oh shed abroad Thy quickening love,
 And we'll adore Thy name.

5 All-glorious Saviour! Source of grace;
 To Thee we raise our cry;
 Unveil the beauties of Thy face
 To every waiting eye.

6 Revive, O God! desponding saints,
 Who languish, droop and sigh;

Refresh the soul that tires and faints—
Fill mourning hearts with joy.

- 7 Make known Thy power, victorious King,
Subdue each stubborn will ;
Then sovereign grace we'll join to sing
On Zion's sacred hill.

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Mutual Love.

S. M.

BLEST be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love :
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

- 2 Before our Father's throne
We pour united prayers :
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
Our comforts and our cares.
- 3 We share our mutual woes,
Our mutual burdens bear ;
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear.
- 4 When we asunder part,
It gives us inward pain ;
But we shall still be joined in heart,
And hope to meet again.
- 5 This glorious hope revives
Our courage by the way ;
While each in expectation lives,
And longs to see the day.
- 6 From sorrow, toil and pain,
And sin, we shall be free,
And perfect love and friendship reign
Through all eternity.

FAMILY WORSHIP.

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A Morning Song.

S. M.

SEE how the rising sun
Pursues his shining way,
And wide proclaims his Maker's praise,
With every brightening ray.

2 Thus would my rising soul
Its heavenly parent sing,
And to its great Original
The humble tribute bring.

3 Serene I laid me down
Beneath His guardian care ;
I slept, and I awoke, and found
My kind Preserver near !

4 Thus does Thine arm support
This weak, defenceless frame :
But whence these favors, Lord, to me,
So worthless as I am ?

5 Oh how shall I repay
The bounties of my God ?
This feeble spirit pants beneath
The pleasing, painful load.

6 Dear Saviour, to Thy cross
I bring my sacrifice ;
By Thee perfumed, it shall ascend
With fragrance to the skies.

7 My life I would anew
Devote, O Lord, to Thee,
And in Thy blessed presence spend
A long eternity.

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Praise to God in the Morning.

C. M.

LORD of my life ! oh may Thy praise
Employ my noblest powers,
Whose goodness lengthens out my days,
And fills the circling hours !

2 Preserved by Thine Almighty arm,
I pass the shades of night,
Serene and safe from every harm,
And see returning light.

3 While many spent the night in sighs,
And restless pains and woes,
In gentle sleep I closed mine eyes,
And undisturbed repose.

4 When sleep, death's semblance, o'er me spread,
And I unconscious lay,
Thy watchful care was round my bed
To guard my feeble clay.

5 Oh let the same Almighty care
My waking hours attend ;
From every trespass, every snare,
My heedless steps defend.

6 Smile on my minutes as they roll,
And guide my future days ;
And let Thy goodness fill my soul
With gratitude and praise.

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Resolutions in the Morning.

L. M.

A WAKE, my soul ! and with the sun
Thy daily course of duty run ;
Shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise
To pay thy morning sacrifice.

- 2 Wake, and lift up thyself, my heart!
And with the angels bear thy part,
Who all night long unwearied sing,
"Glory to Thee, eternal King!"
- 3 I wake, I wake, ye heavenly choir!
May your devotion me inspire;
That I like you my age may spend,
Like you may on my God attend.
- 4 May I like you in God delight,
Have all day long my God in sight,
Perform like you my Maker's will:
Oh may I never more do ill!
- 5 Glory to Thee, who safe has kept,
And hast refreshed me while I slept!
Grant, Lord, when I from death shall wake,
I may of endless life partake.
- 6 Lord, I my vows to Thee renew;
Scatter my sins as morning dew;
Guard my first springs of thought and will,
And with Thyself my spirit fill.
- 7 Direct, control, suggest this day
All I design, or do, or say,
That all my powers, with all their might,
In Thy sole glory may unite.

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Sabbath Morning.

L. M.

ANOTHER six days' work is done,
Another Sabbath is begun:
Return, my soul, enjoy thy rest,
Improve the day thy God has blest.

- 2 Come, bless the Lord, whose love assigns
So sweet a rest to wearied minds;
Provides an antepast of heaven,
And gives this day the food of seven.

- 3 Oh that our thoughts and thanks may rise,
As grateful incense to the skies ;
And draw from heaven that sweet repose
Which none but he who feels it knows.
- 4 With joy, great God ! Thy works we view
In various scenes, both old and new ;
With praise we think of mercies past,
With hope we future pleasures taste.
- 5 In holy duties let the day,
In holy pleasures pass away :
How sweet a Sabbath thus to spend,
In hope of one that ne'er shall end !

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Jehovah Nissi.

C. M.

- T**HOU, gracious God, art my defence ;
On Thee my hopes rely :
Thou art my glory, and shalt yet
Lift up my head on high.
- 2 Since whensoever, in my distress,
To God I made my prayer,
He heard me from His holy hill,
Why should I now despair ?
- 3 Guarded by Him I lay me down,
My sweet repose to take ;
For I through Him securely sleep,
Through Him in safety wake.
- 4 Salvation to the Lord belongs ;
He only can defend ;
His blessing He extends to all
That on His power depend.

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Evening Reflections.

S. M.

- T**HE day is past and gone,
The evening shades appear,
Oh may we ever keep in mind,
The night of death draws near.

- 2 We lay our garments by,
 Upon our beds to rest;
 So death will soon disrobe us all,
 Of what is here possessed.
- 3 Lord, keep us safe this night,
 Secure from all our fears;
 May angels guard us while we sleep,
 Till morning light appears.
- 4 And when we early rise,
 To view th' unwearied sun,
 May we set out to win the prize,
 And after glory run,—
- 5 That when our days are past,
 And we from time remove,
 Lord, we may in Thy bosom rest,
 The bosom of Thy love.

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Evening.

C. M.

NOW from the altar of our hearts,
 Let flames of love arise;
 Assist us, Lord, to offer up
 Our evening sacrifice.

- 2 Minutes and mercies multiplied
 Have made up all this day;
 Minutes came quick, but mercies were
 More swift, more free than they.
- 3 New time, new favors, and new joys,
 Do a new song require;
 Till we shall praise Thee as we would,
 Accept our hearts' desire.

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Psalm cxli.

P. M., 7.

SOFTLY now the light of day
 Fades upon my sight away
 Free from care, from labor free,
 Lord, I would commune with Thee:

- 2 Thou, whose all-pervading eye
Naught escapes without, within,
Pardon each infirmity,
Open fault, and secret sin.
- 3 Soon, for me, the light of day
Shall for ever pass away ;
Then, from sin and sorrow free,
Take me, Lord, to dwell with Thee :
- 4 Thou who, sinless, yet hast known
All of man's infirmity ;
Then, from Thine eternal throne,
Jesus, look with pitying eye.

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Evening Prayer.

P. M., 7, 6.

THE mellow eve is gliding
Serenely down the west ;
So, every care subsiding,
My soul would sink to rest.

- 2 The woodland hum is ringing
The daylight's gentle close ;
May angels round me, singing,
Thus hymn my last repose.
- 3 The evening star has lighted
Her crystal lamp on high ;
So, when in death benighted,
May hope illumine the sky.
- 4 In golden splendor dawning,
The morrow's light shall break ;
Oh, on the last bright morning
May I in glory wake !

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Evening Hymn.

L. M.

GLORY to Thee, my God, this night,
G For all the blessings of the light :
Keep me, oh keep me, King of kings !
Beneath Thine own Almighty wings.

- 2 Forgive me, Lord, for Thy dear Son,
The ill that I this day have done ;
That with the world, myself and Thee
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.
- 3 Teach me to live, that I may dread
The grave as little as my bed :
Teach me to die, that so I may
Rise, glorious, at the awful day.
- 4 Oh let my soul on Thee repose !
And may sweet sleep my eyelids close—
Sleep that shall me more active make
To serve my God when I awake.
- 5 If in the night I sleepless lie,
My soul with heavenly thoughts supply :
Let no ill dreams disturb my rest—
No powers of darkness me molest.
- 6 Oh when shall I, in endless day,
For ever chase dark sleep away,
And hymns divine with angels sing—
Glory to Thee, eternal King?

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Confidence in God.

L. M.

- T**HUS far the Lord has led me on ;
Thus far His power prolongs my days :
And every evening shall make known
Some fresh memorial of His grace.
- 2 Much of my time has run to waste,
And I, perhaps, am near my home ;
But He forgives my follies past,
And strength supplies for days to come.
 - 3 I lay my body down to sleep ;
Peace is the pillow of my head :
His ever watchful eye will keep
Its constant guard around my bed.

- 4 Faith in His name forbids my fear ;
Oh may Thy presence ne'er depart !
And in the morning may I bear
Thy loving-kindness on my heart !

193

An Evening Hymn.

L. M.

A NOTHER fleeting day is gone ;
Slow o'er the west the shadows rise ;
Swift the soft-stealing hours have flown,
And night's dark mantle veils the skies.

- 2 Another fleeting day is gone ;
In solemn silence rest, my soul !
Bow down before His awful throne,
Who bids the morn and evening roll.
- 3 Soon shall a darker night descend,
And veil from me yon azure skies ;
And soon shall death's oppressive hand,
Lie heavy on these languid eyes.
- 4 Yet when beneath the dreadful shade
I lay my weary frame to rest,
That night shall not make me afraid ;
That bed the dying Saviour pressed.
- 5 Again emerging from the night,
I, like my risen Lord, shall rise ;
Again drink in the morning light,
Pure at its fount above the skies.

194

Evening Prayer.

C. M.

I NDULGENT Father, by whose care
I've passed another day,
Let me this night Thy mercy share,
And teach me how to pray.

- 2 Show me my sins, and how to mourn
My guilt before Thy face :
Direct me, Lord, to Christ alone,
And save me by Thy grace.

3 Let each returning night declare
 The tokens of Thy love;
 And every hour Thy grace prepare
 My soul for joys above.

4 And when on earth I close my eyes,
 To sleep in Death's embrace,
 Let me to heaven and glory rise,
 T' enjoy Thy smiling face.

195 *Evening.* P. M.

INSPIRER and hearer of prayer,
 Thou shepherd and guardian of Thine,
 My all to Thy covenant care,
 I, sleeping or waking, resign.

2 If Thou art my shield and my sun,
 The night is no darkness to me;
 And fast as my minutes roll on,
 They bring me but nearer to Thee.

3 A sovereign protector I have;
 Unseen, yet for ever at hand;
 Unchangeably faithful to save,
 Almighty to rule and command.

4 His smiles and His comforts abound,
 His grace, as the dew, shall descend;
 And walls of salvation surround
 The soul He delights to defend.

196 *Prayer at Parting.* P. M., 7.

FOR a season called to part,
 Let us now ourselves commend
 To the gracious eye and heart
 Of our ever-present Friend.

2 Jesus, hear our humble prayer!
 Tender Shepherd of Thy sheep!
 Let Thy mercy and Thy care
 All our souls in safety keep.

3 In Thy strength may we be strong,
Sweeten every cross and pain :
Give us, if we live, ere long
In Thy peace to meet again.

4 Then, if Thou Thy help afford,
Ebenezers shall be reared,
And our souls shall praise the Lord
Who our poor petitions heard.

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Evening Hymn.

P. M., 7.

OMNIPRESENT God, whose aid
No one ever asked in vain,
Be this night about my bed,
Every evil thought restrain :

2 Lay Thy hand upon my soul,
God of my unguarded hours !
All my enemies control,
Hell, and earth, and nature's powers.

3 Loose me from the chains of sense,
Set me from the body free :
Draw with stronger influence
My unfettered soul to Thee.

4 In me, Lord, Thyself reveal,
Fill me with a sweet surprise ;
Let me Thee, when waking, feel,
Let me in Thine image rise.

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Evening Prayer.

P. M., 8, 7.

SAVIOUR, breathe an evening blessing,
Ere repose our spirits seal ;
Sin and wants we come confessing,
Thou canst save and Thou canst heal.
Though destruction walk around us,
Though the arrow near us fly,
Angel-guards from Thee surround us,
We are safe if Thou art nigh.

- 2 Though the night be dark and dreary.
 Darkness cannot hide from Thee ;
 Thou art He who, never weary,
 Watches where Thy people be.
 Should swift Death this night o'ertake us,
 And our couch become our tomb,
 May the morn in heaven awake us,
 Clad in light and deathless bloom.

PRIVATE DEVOTION.

IN GENERAL.

- 199 *Delight in Worship.* L. M.

FAR from my thoughts, vain world, begone,
 Let my religious hours alone :
 Fain would mine eyes my Saviour see ;
 I wait a visit, Lord, from Thee.

- 2 My heart grows warm with holy fire,
 And kindles with a pure desire :
 Come, my dear Jesus ! from above,
 And feed my soul with heavenly love.
- 3 Blest Saviour ; what delicious fare,
 How sweet Thine entertainments are !
 Never did angels taste, above,
 Redeeming grace and dying love.
- 4 Hail, great Immanuel, all divine !
 In Thee Thy Father's glories shine :
 Thou brightest, sweetest, fairest One
 That eyes have seen, or angels known !

- 200 *Lord, Remember Me.* C. M.

O THOU from whom all goodness flows,
 I raise my soul to Thee ;
 In all my sorrows, conflicts, woes,
 Dear Lord, remember me !

- 2 When on my aching, burdened heart
My sins lie heavily,
Thy pardon grant, new peace impart;
Dear Lord, remember me!
- 3 When trials sore obstruct my way,
And ills I cannot flee,
Oh let my strength be as my day;
Dear Lord, remember me!
- 4 When worn with pain, disease and grief,
This feeble frame shall be,
Grant patience, rest and kind relief:
Dear Lord, remember me!

201

Alone with God.

C. M.

- I LOVE to steal a while away
From every cumbering care,
And spend the hours of setting day,
In humble grateful prayer.
- 2 I love in solitude to shed
The penitential tear;
And all His promises to plead,
Where none but God can hear.
- 3 I love to think on mercies past,
And future good implore;
And all my cares and sorrows cast
On Him whom I adore.
- 4 I love by faith to take a view
Of brighter scenes in heaven;
The prospect doth my strength renew,
While here by tempests driven.
- 5 Thus, when life's toilsome day is o'er,
May its departing ray
Be calm as this impressive hour,
And lead to endless day.

202

Secret Prayer.

C. M.

FAR from the world, O Lord, I flee,
 From strife and tumult far;
 From scenes where Satan wages still
 His most successful war.

- 2 The calm retreat, the silent shade,
 With prayer and praise agree,
 And seem by Thy sweet bounty made
 For those who follow Thee.
- 3 There, if Thy Spirit touch the soul,
 And grace her mean abode,
 Oh with what peace and joy and love
 She holds discourse with God!
- 4 There, like the nightingale she pours
 Her solitary lays;
 Nor asks a witness of her song,
 Nor thirsts for human praise.
- 5 Author and Guardian of my life!
 Sweet Source of light divine,
 And—all harmonious names in one—
 My Saviour! Thou art mine!
- 6 What thanks I owe Thee; and what love!
 A boundless, endless store
 Shall echo through the realms above,
 When time shall be no more.

SELF-CONSECRATION.

203

The Cross of Christ.

L. M.

WHEN I survey the wondrous cross
 On which the Prince of glory died,
 My richest gain I count but loss,
 And pour contempt on all my pride.

- 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
 Save in the death of Christ my God ;
 All the vain things that charm me most,
 I sacrifice them to His blood.
- 3 See from His head, His hands, His feet,
 Sorrow and love flow mingled down ;
 Did e'er such love and sorrow meet ?
 Or thorns compose so rich a crown ?
- 4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
 That were a present far too small ;
 Love so amazing, so divine,
 Demands my soul, my life, my all.

204

"To Live is Christ."

L. M.

- L**ET thoughtless thousands choose the road
 That leads the soul away from God ;
 This happiness, dear Lord, be mine,
 To live and die entirely Thine.
- 2 On Christ, by faith, my soul would live,
 From Him, my life, my all receive ;
 To Him devote my fleeting hours,
 Serve Him alone with all my powers.
- 3 Christ is my everlasting all ;
 To Him I look, on Him I call ;
 He will my every want supply,
 In time, and through eternity.
- 4 Soon will the Lord, my life, appear ;
 Soon shall I end my trials here ;
 Leave sin and sorrow, death and pain ;
 To live is Christ—to die is gain.
- 5 Soon will the saints in glory meet,
 Soon walk through every golden street,
 And sing on every blissful plain—
 To live is Christ—to die is gain.

205

Spiritual Sloth Deprecated.

C. M.

MY drowsy powers, why sleep ye so?
Awake, my sluggish soul!
Nothing has half thy work to do,
Yet nothing's half so dull.

- 2 The little ants, for one poor grain,
Labor and toil and strive;
Yet we who have a heaven t' obtain,
How negligent we live?
- 3 We, for whose sake all nature stands,
And stars their courses move;
We, for whose guard the angel bands
Come flying from above;
- 4 We, for whom God the Son came down,
And labored for our good—
How careless to secure that crown
He purchased with His blood!
- 5 Lord, shall we lie so sluggish still!
And never act our parts?
Come, holy Spirit, from above—
Renew and warm our hearts.
- 6 Then shall our active spirits move,
Upward our souls shall rise;
With hands of faith and wings of love,
We'll fly and take the prize.

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Christian Warfare.

L. M.

STAND up, my soul, shake off thy fear,
And gird the gospel armor on;
March to the gates of endless joy,
Where Jesus, thy great Captain's gone.

- 2 Hell and thy sins resist thy course;
But hell and sin are vanquished foes;

Thy Saviour nailed them to the cross,
And sung the triumph when He rose.

3 Then let my soul march boldly on—
Press forward to the heavenly gate;
There peace and joy eternal reign,
And glittering robes for conquerors wait.

4 There shall I wear a starry crown,
And triumph in Almighty grace,
While all the armies of the skies
Join in my glorious Leader's praise.

207 *Bearing the Cross.* P. M., 8, 7.

JESUS, I my cross have taken,
All to leave and follow Thee;
Naked, poor, despised, forsaken,
Thou, from hence, my all shalt be;
Perish every fond ambition,
All I've sought, or hoped, or known;
Yet how rich is my condition,
God and heaven are still mine own!

2 Let the world despise and leave me;
They have left my Saviour too;
Human hearts and looks deceive me—
Thou art not, like them, untrue;
And whilst Thou shalt smile upon me,
God of wisdom, love and might,
Foes may hate and friends disown me,
Show Thy face and all is bright.

3 Man may trouble and distress me,
'Twill but drive me to Thy breast;
Life with trials hard may press me,
Heaven will bring me sweeter rest.
Oh! 'tis not in grief to harm me,
While Thy love is left to me;
Oh! 'twere not in joy to charm me,
Were that joy unmixed with Thee.

- 4 Soul, then know thy full salvation,
 Rise o'er sin, and fear, and care;
 Joy to find in every station
 Something still to do or bear.
 Think what Spirit dwells within thee;
 Think what Father's smiles are thine;
 Think that Jesus died to win thee;
 Child of heaven, canst thou repine?
- 5 Haste thee on from grace to glory,
 Armed by faith, and winged by prayer;
 Heaven's eternal day's before thee,
 God's own hand shall guide thee there.
 Soon shall close thy earthly mission,
 Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days;
 Hope shall change to glad fruition,
 Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

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Duties.

S. M.

- A** CHARGE to keep I have,
 A God to glorify;
 A never-dying soul to save,
 And fit it for the sky:
- 2 From youth to hoary age,
 My calling to fulfill:
 Oh may it all my powers engage
 To do my Master's will.
- 3 Arm me with jealous care,
 As in Thy sight to live,
 And oh! Thy servant, Lord, prepare
 A strict account to give.
- 4 Help me to watch and pray,
 And on Thyself rely;
 Assured if I my trust betray,
 I shall for ever die.

SELF-EXAMINATION.

209

" Lovest thou me ?"

P. M., 7.

LORD, my God, I long to know,
 Loft it causes anxious thought,
 Do I love Thee, Lord, or no ?
 Am I Thine, or am I not ?

- 2 Could my heart so hard remain,
 Prayer a task and burden prove,
 Any duty give me pain,
 If I knew a Saviour's love ?
- 3 When I turn mine eyes within,
 Oh how dark, and vain, and wild !
 Prone to unbelief and sin,
 Can I deem myself Thy child ?
- 4 Yet I mourn my stubborn will,
 Find my sin a grief and thrall :
 Should I grieve for what I feel
 If I did not love at all ?
- 5 Could I love Thy saints to meet,
 Choose the ways I once abhorred,
 Find at times the promise sweet,
 If I did not love Thee, Lord ?
- 6 Saviour, let me love Thee more,
 If I love at all, I pray ;
 If I have not loved before,
 Help me to begin to-day.

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A Prayer.

C. P. M.

THOU great, mysterious, God unknown,
 Whose love hath gently led me on
 E'en from my infant days ;
 Mine inmost soul expose to view,
 And tell me if I ever knew
 Thy justifying grace.

- 2 If I have only known Thy fear,
 And followed with a heart sincere
 Thy drawing from above,
 Now, now the farther grace bestow,
 And let my sprinkled conscience know
 Thy sweet forgiving love.
- 3 Short of Thy love I would not stop,
 A stranger to the gospel hope,
 The sense of sin forgiven;
 I would not, Lord, my soul deceive,
 Without Thine inward witness live,
 That antepast of heaven.
- 4 If now the witness were in me,
 Would He not testify of thee,
 In Jesus reconciled?
 And should I not with faith draw nigh,
 And boldly, Abba, Father, cry,
 I know myself Thy child?
- 5 Ah! never let Thy servant rest
 Till, of my part in Christ possessed,
 I on Thy mercy feed:
 Unworthy of the crumbs that fall,
 Yet raised by Him who died for all,
 To eat the children's bread.
- 6 Whate'er obstructs Thy pardoning love,
 Or sin, or righteousness, remove,
 Thy glory to display;
 My heart of unbelief convince,
 And now absolve me from my sins,
 And take them all away.

211

Self-Examination.

L. M

WHAT strange perplexities arise!
 What anxious fears and jealousies!
 What crowds in doubtful light appear!
 How few, alas, approved and clear!

- 2 And what am I? My soul, awake,
And an impartial survey take,
Does no dark sign, no ground of fear,
In practice or in heart appear?
- 3 What image does my spirit bear?
Is Jesus formed and living there?
Say, do His lineaments divine
In thought, and word, and action shine?
- 4 Searcher of hearts, oh search me still;
The secrets of my soul reveal;
My fears remove; let me appear
To God and mine own conscience clear!

LONGING AFTER HOLINESS.

212

Breathing after Holiness.

C. M.

- OH that the Lord would guide my ways,
To keep His statutes still!
Oh that my God would grant me grace,
To know and do His will!
- 2 Order my footsteps by Thy word,
And make my heart sincere;
Let sin have no dominion, Lord,
But keep my conscience clear.
- 3 Assist my soul, too apt to stray,
A stricter watch to keep;
And, should I e'er forget Thy way,
Restore Thy wandering sheep.
- 4 Make me to walk in Thy commands;
'Tis a delightful road:
Nor let my head, nor heart, nor hands,
Offend against my God.

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Desiring Holiness. P. M., 8, 7.

LOVE divine, all love excelling,
Joy of heaven to earth come down ;
Fix in me Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown ;
Jesus ! Thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love Thou art ;
Visit me with Thy salvation.
Enter Thou my trembling heart !

2 Breathe, oh breathe Thy lovely Spirit
Full into my troubled breast !
Let me now in Thee inherit,
Let me find Thy promised rest ;
Take away the love of sinning,
Omega and Alpha be,
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set my heart at liberty.

3 Come ! Almighty to deliver,
Let me all Thy life receive !
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more Thy temple leave !
Thee I would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above ;
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy precious love.

4 Finish then Thy new creation,
Pure, unspotted may I be ;
Let me see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored by Thee !
Change from glory into glory,
Till in heaven I take my place,
Till I cast my crown before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love and praise !

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Prayer for Holiness.

L. M.

MY God! permit me not to be
A stranger to myself and Thee;
Amidst a thousand thoughts I rove,
Forgetful of my highest love.

- 2 Why should my passions mix with earth,
And thus debase my heavenly birth?
Why should I cleave to things below,
And all my purest joys forego?
- 3 Call me away from flesh and sense;
Thy grace, O Lord, can draw me thence;
I would obey the voice divine,
And all inferior joys resign.
- 4 Be earth, with all her cares, withdrawn;
Let noise and vanity be gone;
In secret silence of the mind,
My heaven, and there my God, I find.

215

Earthly Love Dangerous.

C. M.

HOW vain are all things here below!
How false, and yet how fair!
Each pleasure hath its poison too,
And every sweet a snare.

- 2 The brightest things below the sky
Give but a flattering light;
We should suspect some danger nigh
Where we possess delight.
- 3 Our dearest joys, and nearest friends,
The partners of our blood,
How they divide our wavering minds,
And leave but half for God!

- 4 The fondness of a creature's love,
 How strong it strikes the sense!
 Thither the warm affections move,
 Nor can we call them thence.
- 5 Dear Saviour, let Thy beauties be
 My soul's eternal food;
 And grace command my heart away
 From all created good.

SELF-ABASEMENT.

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The Cross Contemplated.

C. M.

- A**LAS! and did my Saviour bleed,
 And did my Sovereign die?
 Would He devote that sacred head
 For such a worm as I?
- 2 Was it for crimes that I have done
 He groaned upon the tree?
 Amazing pity! grace unknown!
 And love beyond degree!
- 3 Well might the sun in darkness hide,
 And shut his glories in,
 When Christ the mighty Maker died
 For man the creature's sin!
- 4 Thus might I hide my blushing face
 While His dear cross appears,
 Dissolve my heart in thankfulness,
 And melt my eyes to tears.
- 5 But drops of grief can ne'er repay
 The debt of love I owe;
 Here, Lord, I give myself away:
 'Tis all that I can do.

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Self-Abasement.

L. M.

OH could I find some peaceful bower,
Where sin has neither place nor power ;
This traitor vile I fain would shun,
But cannot from his presence run.

2 When to the throne of grace I flee,
He stands between my God and me,
Where'er I roam, where'er I rest,
I feel him working in my breast.

3 When I attempt to soar above,
To view the heights of Jesus' love,
This monster seems to mount the skies,
And veils my Saviour from mine eyes.

4 Lord, free me from this deadly foe,
Which keeps my faith and hope so low ;
I long to dwell in heaven, my home,
Where not one sinful thought can come.

FAITH.

218

Power of Faith.

C. M.

FAITH adds new charms to earthly bliss,
And saves me from its snares ;
Its aid in every duty brings,
And softens all my cares :

2 Extinguishes the thirst of sin,
And lights the sacred fire
Of love to God and heavenly things,
And feeds the pure desire.

3 The wounded conscience knows its power
The healing balm to give ;
That balm the saddest heart can cheer,
And make the dying live.

- 4 Wide it unveils celestial worlds,
Where deathless pleasures reign;
And bids me seek my portion there,
Nor bids me seek in vain:
- 5 Shows me the precious promise sealed
With my Redeemer's blood,
And helps my feeble hope to rest
Upon a faithful God.
- 6 There, there unshaken would I rest,
Till this vile body dies,
And then on faith's triumphant wings
At once to glory rise.

219

Living Faith.

C. M.

MISTAKEN souls, that dream of heaven,
And make their empty boast
Of inward joys and sins forgiven,
While they are slaves to lust!

- 2 Vain are our fancies, airy flights,
If faith be cold and dead;
None but a living power unites
To Christ, the living Head;—
- 3 A faith that changes all the heart;
A faith that works by love;
That bids all sinful joys depart,
And lifts the thoughts above.
- 4 Faith must obey our Father's will,
As well as trust His grace:
A pardoning God requires us still
To perfect holiness.

220

Prayer for Faith.

C. M.

OH for a faith that will not shrink,
Though pressed by every foe—
That will not tremble on the brink
Of any earthly woe!

- 2 That will not murmur nor complain
 Beneath the chastening rod,
 But, in the hour of grief or pain,
 Will lean upon its God :
- 3 A faith that shines more bright and clear
 When tempests rage without ;
 That when in danger knows no fear
 In darkness feels no doubt :
- 4 That bears, unmoved, the world's dread frown,
 Nor heeds its scornful smile ;
 That seas of trouble cannot drown,
 Nor Satan's arts beguile :
- 5 A faith that keeps the narrow way
 Till life's last hour is fled,
 And with a pure and heavenly ray
 Lights up a dying bed.
- 6 Lord, give us such a faith as this,
 And then, whate'er may come,
 We'll taste, e'en here, the hallowed bliss
 Of an eternal home.

HOPE.

221 *Pilgrim's Song.* P. M., 7, 6, 7, 6, 7, 7, 7, 6.

RISE, my soul, and stretch thy wings,
 Thy better portion trace ;
 Rise, from transitory things,
 Toward heaven, thy destined place :
 Sun, and moon, and stars decay,
 Time shall soon this earth remove ;
 Rise, my soul, and haste away
 To seats prepared above.

- 2 Cease, my soul, oh cease to mourn,
 Press onward to the prize ;

Soon thy Saviour will return,
 To take thee to the skies :
 There is everlasting peace,
 Rest, enduring rest in heaven ;
 There will sorrow ever cease,
 And crowns of joy be given.

222

Confidence in God.

C. M.

WHEN I can read my title clear
 To mansions in the skies,
 I bid farewell to every fear
 And wipe my weeping eyes.

2 Should earth against my soul engage,
 And hellish darts be hurled,
 Then I can smile at Satan's rage
 And face a frowning world.

3 Let cares like a wild deluge come,
 And storms of sorrow fall,
 May I but safely reach my home,
 My God, my heaven, my all.

4 There shall I bathe my weary soul
 In seas of heavenly rest ;
 And not a wave of trouble roll
 Across my peaceful breast.

223

Hope Encouraged.

L. M.

WHY sinks my weak, desponding mind ?
 Why heaves my heart the anxious sigh ?
 Can sovereign Goodness be unkind ?
 Am I not safe if God is nigh ?

2 'Tis He supports this fainting frame ;
 On Him alone my hopes recline :
 The wondrous glories of His name,
 How wide they spread ! how bright they
 shine !

- 3 Infinite wisdom ! boundless power !
 Unchanging faithfulness and love !
 Here let me trust, while I adore,—
 Nor from my refuge e'er remove.
- 4 My God, if Thou art mine indeed,
 Then I have all my heart can crave—
 A present help in times of need ;
 Still kind to hear, and strong to save.
- 5 Forgive my doubts, O gracious Lord !
 And ease the sorrows of my breast ;
 Speak to my heart the healing word,
 That Thou art mine—and I am blest.

CHARITY.

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James i. 27. C. M.

- B**LEST is the man whose softening heart
 Feels all another's pain ;
 To whom the supplicating eye
 Was never raised in vain,—
- 2 Whose breast expands with generous warmth,
 A stranger's woes to feel ;
 And bleeds in pity o'er the wound
 He wants the power to heal.
- 3 He spreads his kind, supporting arms
 To every child of grief :
 His secret bounty largely flows,
 And brings unasked relief.
- 4 To gentle offices of love
 His feet are never slow :
 He views, through mercy's melting eye,
 A brother in a foe.

- 5 Peace from the bosom of his God
 The Saviour's grace shall give;
 And when he kneels before the throne,
 His trembling soul shall live.

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Influence of Love.

C. M.

HAPPY the heart where graces reign,
 Where love inspires the breast:
 Love is the brightest of the train,
 And strengthens all the rest.

- 2 Knowledge, alas! 'tis all in vain,
 And all in vain our fear:
 Our stubborn sins will fight and reign,
 If love be absent there.

- 3 'Tis love that makes our cheerful feet
 In swift obedience move:
 The devils know, and tremble too;
 But devils do not love.

- 4 This is the grace that lives and sings
 When faith and hope shall cease;
 'Tis this shall strike our joyful strings
 In the sweet realms of bliss.

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Love the Chief of Graces.

L. M.

HAD I the tongues of Greeks and Jews,
 And nobler speech than angels use,
 If love be absent, I am found,
 Like tinkling brass, an empty sound.

- 2 Were I inspired to preach and tell
 All that is done in heaven and hell,
 Or could my faith the world remove,
 Still I am nothing without love.

3 Should I distribute all my store
To feed the bowels of the poor ;
Or give my body to the flame,
To gain a martyr's glorious name,—

4 If love to God, and love to men,
Be absent, all my hopes are vain ;
Nor tongues, nor gifts, nor fiery zeal
The work of love can e'er fulfill.

LO, what a pleasing sight
Are brethren that agree !
How blest are all whose hearts unite
In bonds of piety !

2 From those celestial springs
Such streams of comfort flow,
As no increase of riches brings,
Nor honors can bestow.

3 All in their stations move,
And each performs his part,
In all the cares of life and love,
With sympathizing heart.

4 Formed for the purest joys,
By one desire possest,
One aim the zeal of all employs—
To make each other blest.

5 No bliss can equal theirs,
Where such affections meet ;
While praise devout and mingled prayers
Make their communion sweet.

6 'Tis the same pleasure fills
The breast in worlds above ;
Where joy like morning dew distills,
And all the air is love.

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Love to the Erring.

C. M.

THINK gently of the erring one!
 Oh let us not forget,
 However darkly stained by sin,
 He is our brother yet!

2 Heir of the same inheritance,
 Child of the self-same God,
 He hath but stumbled in the path
 We have in weakness trod.

3 Speak gently to the erring ones!
 We yet may lead them back,
 With holy words, and tones of love,
 From misery's thorny track.

4 Forget not, brother, thou hast sinned,
 And sinful yet may'st be;
 Deal gently with the erring heart,
 As God hath dealt with thee.

HUMILITY.

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Humility.

L. M.

WHEREFORE should man, frail child
 of clay,
 Who, from the cradle to the shroud,
 Lives but the creature of a day,—
 Oh why should mortal man be proud?

2 His brightest visions just appear,
 Then vanish, and no more are found:
 The stateliest pile his pride can rear
 A breath may level with the ground.

3 By doubts perplexed, in error lost,
 With trembling step he seeks his way:
 How vain of wisdom's gift the boast!
 Of reason's lamp how faint the ray!

- 4 Follies and crimes, a countless sum,
Are crowded in life's little span :
How ill, alas ! does pride become
That erring, guilty creature, man !
- 5 God of my life ! Father divine !
Give me a meek and lowly mind :
In modest worth oh let me shine,
And peace in humble virtue find.

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Psalm cxxxi.

P. M., 7.

LORD, for ever at Thy side
Let my place and portion be :
Strip me of the robe of pride,
Clothe me with humility.

- 2 Meekly may my soul receive
All Thy Spirit hath revealed ;
Thou hast spoken—I believe,
Though the oracle be sealed.
- 3 Humble as a little child,
Weaned from the mother's breast,
By no subtleties beguiled,
On Thy faithful word I rest.
- 4 Israel ! now and evermore
In the Lord Jehovah trust ;
Him, in all His ways, adore,
Wise and wonderful and just.

BENEVOLENCE.

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Liberality.

L. M.

THE gold and silver are the Lord's,
And every blessing earth affords ;
All come from His propitious hand,
And must return at His command.

- 2 The blessings which I now enjoy,
I must for Christ and souls employ;
For if I use them as my own,
My Lord will soon call in His loan.
- 3 When I to Him in want apply,
He never does my suit deny;
And shall I then refuse to give,
Since I so much from Him receive?
- 4 Shall Jesus leave the realms of day,
And clothe Himself in humble clay?
Shall He become despised and poor,
To make me rich for evermore?
- 5 And shall I wickedly withhold
To give my silver or my gold,
To aid a cause my soul approves,
And save the sinners Jesus loves?
- 6 Expand my heart—incline me, Lord,
To give the whole I can afford:
That what Thy bounty rendered mine,
I may with cheerful hands resign.

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Imitating Christ.

L. M.

WHEN Jesus dwelt in mortal clay,
What were His works, from day to
day,
But miracles of power and grace,
Which spread salvation through our race?

- 2 Teach us, O Lord! to keep in view
Thy pattern, and Thy steps pursue;
Let alms bestowed, let kindness done,
Be witnessed by each rolling sun.
- 3 That man may last, but never lives,
Who much receives, but nothing gives;

Whom none can love, whom none can thank,
Creation's blot, creation's blank.

- 4 But he who marks from day to day
In generous acts his radiant way,
Treads the same path the Saviour trod—
The path to glory and to God.

THANKFULNESS.

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Heavenly Joy.

S. M.

COME, ye that love the Lord,
And let our joys be known;
Join in a song with sweet accord,
Whilst we surround the throne.

- 2 Let those refuse to sing
Who never knew our God,
But children of the heavenly King
May speak their joys abroad.
- 3 The God, who rules on high,
Who all the earth surveys,
Who rides upon the stormy sky,
And calms the roaring seas,—
- 4 This awful God is ours,
Our Father and our love;
He will send down His heavenly powers,
To carry us above.
- 5 There we shall see His face,
And never, never sin;
There, from the rivers of His grace,
Drink endless pleasures in.
- 6 The hill of Zion yields
A thousand sacred sweets,
Before we reach the heavenly fields,
Or walk the golden streets.

- 7 The men of grace have found
 Glory begun below ;
 Celestial fruit on earthly ground
 From faith and hope may grow.
- 8 Then let our songs abound,
 And every tear be dry ;
 We're marching through Immanuel's
 ground
 To fairer worlds on high.

234 *Gratitude for God's Mercies.* C. M.

- WHEN all Thy mercies, O my God,
 My rising soul surveys,
 Transported with the view, I'm lost
 In wonder, love and praise.
- 2 Unnumbered comforts on my soul
 Thy tender care bestowed,
 Before my infant heart conceived
 From whom those comforts flowed.
- 3 When in the slippery paths of youth
 With heedless steps I ran,
 Thine arm, unseen, conveyed me safe,
 And led me up to man.
- 4 Ten thousand thousand precious gifts
 My daily thanks employ ;
 Nor is the least a cheerful heart,
 That tastes those gifts with joy.
- 5 Through every period of my life
 Thy goodness I'll pursue ;
 And after death, in distant worlds,
 The glorious theme renew.
- 6 Through all eternity, to Thee
 A grateful song I'll raise ;
 But oh eternity's too short
 To utter all Thy praise.

235 *Praise for Salvation.* P. M., 8, 7.

LORD, with glowing heart I'd praise
Thee

For the bliss Thy love bestows;
For the pardoning grace that saves me,
And the peace that from it flows:
Help, O God, my weak endeavor;
This dull soul to rapture raise:
Thou must light the flame, or never
Can my love be warmed to praise.

2 Praise, my soul, the God that sought thee,
Wretched wanderer, far astray;
Found thee lost, and kindly brought thee
From the paths of death away:
Praise, with love's devoutest feeling,
Him who saw thy guilt-born fear,
And the light of hope revealing,
Bade the blood-stained cross appear.

3 Lord, this bosom's ardent feeling
Vainly would my lips express:
Low before Thy footstool kneeling,
Deign Thy suppliant's prayer to bless:
Let Thy grace, my soul's chief treasure,
Love's pure flame within me raise;
And, since words can never measure,
Let my life show forth Thy praise.

TRUST IN GOD.

236 *Habitual Devotion.* C. M.

WHILE Thee I seek, protecting Power!
Be my vain wishes stilled;
And may this consecrated hour
With better hopes be filled.

- 2 Thy love the powers of thought bestowed ;
 To Thee my thoughts would soar .
 Thy mercy o'er my life has flowed ;
 That mercy I adore.
- 3 In each event of life, how clear
 Thy ruling hand I see !
 Each blessing to my soul more dear,
 Because bestowed by Thee.
- 4 In every joy that crowns my days,
 In every pain I bear,
 My heart shall find delight in praise,
 Or seek relief in prayer.
- 5 When gladness wings my favored hour,
 Thy love my thoughts shall fill ;
 Resigned, when storms of sorrow lower,
 My soul shall meet Thy will.
- 6 My lifted eye, without a tear, .
 The lowering storm shall see ;
 My steadfast heart shall know no fear :
 That heart will rest on Thee !

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Confidence in God.

C. M.

FATHER of all ! whose care extends
 To earth's remotest shore !
 Through every age Thy praise ascends ;
 Let every heart adore !

- 2 What conscience dictates to be done,
 Or warns me not to do,
 This teach me more than death to shun,
 That more than life pursue.
- 3 If I am right, Thy grace impart,
 Still in the right to stay ;
 If I am wrong, oh teach my heart
 To find that better way !

- 4 Save me alike from foolish pride,
Or impious discontent,
At aught Thy wisdom has denied,
Or aught Thy goodness lent.
- 5 Teach me to feel another's woe,
To hide the fault I see ;
That mercy I to others show,
That mercy show to me.
- 6 This day, be bread and peace my lot ;
But all beneath the sun
Thou knowest if best bestowed or not ;
Then let Thy will be done.

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Prayer for Christian Graces.

S. M.

- JESUS! my strength, my hope,
On Thee I cast my care ;
With humble confidence look up,
And know Thou hear'st my prayer :
Give me on Thee to wait
Till I can all things do ;
On Thee—Almighty to create,
Almighty to renew.
- 2 Give me a sober mind,
A self-renouncing will,
That tramples down and casts behind
The baits of pleasing ill :
A soul inured to pain,
To hardship, grief and loss ;
Prompt to take up, and to sustain,
The consecrated cross.
- 3 Give me a godly fear—
A quick discerning eye,
That looks to Thee when sin is near,
And sees the tempter fly :

A spirit still prepared,
 And armed with jealous care,
 For ever standing on its guard,
 And watching unto prayer.

4 Give me a heart to pray,
 To pray and never cease—
 Never to murmur at Thy stay,
 Or wish my sufferings less :
 This blessing, above all,
 Always to pray, I want ;
 Out of the deep on Thee to call,
 And never, never faint.

5 Give me a true regard—
 A single, steady aim,
 Unmoved by threatening or reward,
 To Thee and Thy great Name :
 A jealous, just concern
 For Thine immortal praise ;
 A pure desire that all may learn
 And glorify Thy grace.

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God's Presence is Light.

C. M.

MY God, the spring of all my joys,
 The life of my delights,
 The glory of my brightest days,
 And comfort of my nights !

2 In darkest shades, if He appear,
 My dawning is begun ;
 He is my soul's bright morning star,
 And He my rising sun.

3 The opening heavens around me shine
 With beams of sacred bliss,
 While Jesus shows His heart is mine,
 And whispers I am His !

- 4 My soul would leave this heavy clay
At that transporting word,
Run up with joy the shining way
T' embrace my dearest Lord.
- 5 Fearless of hell and ghastly death,
I'd break through every foe ;
The wings of love and arms of faith
Should bear me conqueror through.

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Dependence on God.

C. M.

- L**ET others boast how strong they be,
Nor death nor danger fear ;
While we confess, O Lord, to Thee,
What feeble things we are.
- 2 Fresh as the grass our bodies stand,
And flourish bright and gay :
A blasting wind sweeps o'er the land,
And fades the grass away.
- 3 Our life contains a thousand springs,
And dies if one be gone ;
Strange, that a harp of thousand strings
Should keep in tune so long !
- 4 But 'tis our God supports our frame,
The God that formed us first ;
Salvation to th' Almighty name,
That reared us from the dust !
- 5 While we have breath, or life, or speech,
Our Maker we'll adore ;
His Spirit shall our voices teach
To praise Him evermore.

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Confidence in God.

S. M.

MY Father ! cheering name !
Oh may I call Thee mine !
Give me with humble hope to claim
A portion so divine.

- 2 This can my fears control,
And bid my sorrows fly :
What real harm can reach my soul
Beneath my Father's eye?
- 3 Whate'er Thy will denies,
I calmly would resign ;
For Thou art just and good and wise :
Oh bend my will to Thine !
- 4 Whate'er Thy will ordains,
Oh give me strength to bear ;
Still let me know a Father reigns,
And trust a Father's care.
- 5 If anguish rend this frame,
And life almost depart :
Is not Thy mercy still the same,
To cheer my drooping heart?
- 6 Thy ways are little known
To my weak, erring sight ;
Yet shall my soul, believing, own
That all Thy ways are right.
- 7 My Father ! blissful name !
Beyond expression dear :
If Thou admit my humble claim,
I bid adieu to fear.

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Pilgrim's Guide.

P. M., 8, 7, 4.

GUIDE me, O Thou great Jehovah !
G Pilgrim through this barren land ;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty,
Hide me with Thy powerful hand :
Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more.

- 2 Open Thou the crystal fountain
Whence the healing streams do flow,

Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
 Lead me all my journey through :
 Strong Deliverer,
 Be Thou still my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
 Bid my anxious fears subside ;
 Thou, of death and hell the conqueror,
 Land me safe on Canaan's side :
 Songs of praises
 I will ever give to Thee.

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Trust in God.

H. M.

OH let my trembling soul be still,
 While darkness veils the sky,
 And wait Thy wise, Thy holy will,
 Wrapped yet in mystery :
 I cannot, Lord, Thy purpose see ;
 But all is well, since ruled by Thee.

2 Thus, trusting in Thy love, I tread
 The path of duty on ;
 What though some cherished joys are fled.
 Some flattering dreams are gone ?
 Yet purer, brighter joys remain ;
 Why should my spirit then complain ?

THE SCRIPTURES.

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Bible Inspired.

L. M.

ETERNAL Spirit ! 'twas Thy breath
 The oracles of truth inspired ;
 And kings and holy seers of old
 With strong prophetic impulse fired.

2 Moved by Thy power omnipotent,
 Their lips with heavenly science flowed ;
 Their hands a thousand wonders wrought,
 Which bore the signature of God.

- 3 With gladsome hearts they spread the news
Of pardon through a Saviour's blood :
And to a numerous seeking crowd
Marked out the path to His abode.
- 4 The powers of earth and hell in vain
Against the sacred word combine ;
Thy providence through every age
Securely guards the work divine.
- 5 Thee, its great Author, Source of light,
Thee, its Preserver, we adore ;
And humbly ask a ray from Thee,
Its hidden wonders to explore.

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Psalm xix.

C. M.

- GOD'S perfect law converts the soul,
G Reclaims from false desires ;
With sacred wisdom His sure word
The ignorant inspires.
- 2 The statutes of the Lord are just,
And bring sincere delight ;
His pure commands in search of truth
Assist the feeblest sight.
- 3 His perfect worship here is fixed,
On sure foundations laid ;
His equal laws are in the scales
Of truth and justice weighed :
- 4 Of more esteem than golden mines,
Or gold refined with skill ;
More sweet than honey, or the drops
That from the comb distill.
- 5 My trusty counselors they are,
And friendly warnings give :
Divine rewards attend on those
Who by Thy precepts live.

- 6 But what frail man observes how oft
He does from virtue fall?
Oh cleanse me from my secret faults,
Thou, God, that know'st them all!
- 7 Let no presumptuous sin, O Lord,
Dominion have o'er me;
That, by Thy grace preserved, I may
The great transgression flee.
- 8 So shall my prayer and praises be
With Thy acceptance blest;
And I, secure on Thy defence,
My strength and Saviour, rest.

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Bible, Source of Joy.

C. M.

- FATHER of mercies, in Thy Word
What endless glory shines!
For ever be Thy name adored
For these celestial lines!
- 2 Here springs of consolation rise
To cheer the fainting mind;
And thirsty souls receive supplies,
And sweet refreshment find.
- 3 Here the fair tree of knowledge grows,
And yields a free repast;
Sublimers sweets than nature knows
Invite the longing taste.
- 4 Here the Redeemer's welcome voice
Spreads heavenly peace around;
And life and everlasting joys
Attend the blissful sound!
- 5 Oh, may these heavenly pages be
My ever dear delight;
And still new beauties may I see,
And still increasing light!

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The Word.

C. M.

THY Word, O Lord, like gentle dews,
Falls soft on hearts that pine;
Lord, to Thy garden ne'er refuse
This heavenly balm of Thine.
Watered by Thee, let every tree
Forth blossom to Thy praise,
By grace of Thine bear fruit divine,
Through all the coming days.

- 2 Thy Word is like a flaming sword,
A wedge that cleaveth stone;
Keen as a fire, so burns Thy Word,
And pierceth flesh and bone.
Let it go forth o'er all the earth,
To cleanse our hearts within,
To show Thy power in Satan's hour,
And break the might of sin.
- 3 Thy Word, a wondrous guiding star,
On pilgrim hearts doth rise,
Leads those to God who dwell afar,
And makes the simple wise.
Let not its light e'er sink in night;
In every spirit shine;
That none may miss heaven's final bliss,
Led by Thy light divine.

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Influence of the Bible.

C. M.

OH happy is the man who hears
Instruction's warning voice;
And who celestial wisdom makes
His early, only choice.

- 2 For she hath treasures greater far
Than east and west unfold;
And her rewards more precious are
Than all their stores of gold.

3 She guides the young with innocence,
 In pleasure's path to tread ;
 A crown of glory she bestows
 Upon the hoary head.

4 According as her labors rise,
 So her rewards increase ;
 Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
 And all her paths are peace.

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The Bible.

C. M.

GREAT God ! with wonder and with praise
 On all Thy works I look ;
 But still Thy wisdom, power and grace
 Shine brightest in Thy book.

2 The stars that in their courses roll
 Have much instruction given ;
 But Thy good word informs my soul
 How I may soar to heaven.

3 The fields provide me food, and show
 The goodness of the Lord ;
 But fruits of life and glory grow
 In Thy most holy word.

4 Here are my choicest treasures hid,
 Here my best comfort lies ;
 Here my desires are satisfied,
 And here my hopes arise.

5 Lord, make me understand Thy law,
 Show what my faults have been ;
 And from Thy Gospel let me draw
 Pardon for all my sin.

6 Here would I learn how Christ has died
 To save my soul from hell ;
 Not all the books on earth beside
 Such heavenly wonders tell.

- 7 Then let me love my Bible more,
 And take a fresh delight,
 By day to read these wonders o'er,
 And meditate by night.

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Power of the Bible.

P. M., 8, 7.

- BY the thoughtless world derided,
 Still I love the word of God ;
 'Tis the crook by which I'm guided,
 Often 'tis a chastening rod.
 'Tis a sword that cuts asunder
 All my pride and vanity,
 When abased I lie, and wonder
 That he spares a wretch like me.
- 2 This confirms me when I waver,
 Sets my trembling judgment right ;
 When I stray, how much soever,
 This is my restoring light.
 Satan oft, and sin, assail me
 With temptations ever new ;
 Then there's nothing can avail me,
 Till my bleeding Lord I view.
- 3 Faith I need ; O Lord, bestow it,
 Give my laboring mind relief ;
 Oft, alas ! I doubt ; I know it,
 Help, oh help my unbelief.
 Dearest Saviour, by Thy merit
 May I gain a future crown ;
 Guide, oh guide me by Thy Spirit,
 Till these storms are overblown.

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Psalm cxix.

C. M.

- HOW shall the young secure their hearts,
 And guard their lives from sin ?
 Thy word the choicest rules imparts
 To keep the conscience clean.

- 2 When once it enters in the mind,
It spreads such light abroad,
The meanest souls instruction find,
And raise their thoughts to God.
- 3 'Tis, like the sun, a heavenly light,
That guides us all the day;
And through the dangers of the night
A lamp to lead our way.
- 4 The men that keep Thy law with care
And meditate Thy word,
Grow wiser than their teachers are,
And better know the Lord.
- 5 Thy precepts make me truly wise,
I hate the sinner's road;
I hate my own vain thoughts that rise,
But love Thy law, my God.
- 6 Thy word is everlasting truth;
How pure is every page!
That holy book shall guide our youth,
And well support our age.

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The Bible.

C. M.

LAMP of our feet! whereby we trace
Our path, when wont to stray;
Stream from the Fount of heavenly grace!
Brook by the traveler's way!

- 2 Bread of our souls! whereon we feed;
True manna from on high!
Our guide, our chart! wherein we read
Of realms beyond the sky.
- 3 Pillar of fire through watches dark!
Or radiant cloud by day!
When waves would whelm our tossing bark,
Our anchor and our stay!

- 4 Childhood's preceptor ! manhood's trust !
 Old age's firm ally !
 Our hope, when we go down to dust,
 Of immortality !

253 *The Penitent's Consolation.* C. M.

- L ADEN with guilt and full of fears,
 L I fly to Thee, my Lord,
 And not a ray of hope appears
 But in Thy written word.
- 2 The volume of my Father's grace
 Does all my grief assuage ;
 Here I behold my Saviour's face
 In almost every page.
- 3 This is the field where hidden lies
 The pearl of price unknown ;
 That merchant is divinely wise
 Who makes the pearl His own.
- 4 This is the judge that ends the strife,
 Where wit and reason fail ;
 My guide to everlasting life,
 Through all this gloomy vale.
- 5 Oh may Thy counsels, mighty God,
 My roving feet command ;
 And teach me to pursue the road
 That leads to Thy right hand.

254 *Trust in the Scriptures.* L. M.

- I N vain would boasting reason find
 The path to happiness and God ;
 Her weak directions leave the mind
 Bewildered in a doubtful road.
- 2 Jesus, Thy words alone impart
 Eternal life ; on these I live ;
 Diviner comforts cheer my heart
 Than all the powers of nature give.

- 3 Here let my constant feet abide ;
 Thou art the true, the living way :
 Let Thy good Spirit be my guide
 To the bright realms of endless day.
- 4 The various forms that men devise
 To shake my faith with treacherous art,
 I scorn as vanity and lies,
 And bind Thy Gospel to my heart.

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The Written Word.

L. M.

- THE starry firmament on high,
 And all the glories of the sky,
 Yet shine not to Thy praise, O Lord,
 So brightly as Thy written word.
- 2 The hopes that holy word supplies,
 Its truths divine, and precepts wise,
 In each a heavenly beam I see,
 And every beam conducts to Thee
- 3 Almighty Lord, the sun shall fail,
 The moon forget her nightly tale,
 And deepest silence hush on high
 The radiant chorus of the sky :
- 4 But fixed for everlasting years,
 Unmoved, amid the wreck of spheres,
 Thy word shall shine in cloudless day,
 When heaven and earth have passed away.

MAN A SINNER.

DEPRAVED.

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Sin Deceitful.

C. M.

SIN has a thousand treacherous arts
 To practice on the mind ;
 With flattering looks she tempts our hearts,
 But leaves a sting behind.

- 2 With names of virtues she deceives
 The aged and the young ;
 And while the heedless wretch believes,
 She makes his fetters strong.
- 3 She pleads for all the joy she brings,
 And gives a fair pretence,
 But cheats the soul of heavenly things,
 And chains it down to sense.
- 4 So on a tree divinely fair
 Grew the forbidden food ;
 Our mother took the poison there,
 And tainted all our blood.

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Original Sin.

C. M.

- SIN, like a venomous disease,
 Infects our vital blood ;
 The only balm is sovereign grace,
 And the physician, God.
- 2 Our beauty and our strength are fled,
 And we draw near to death ;
 But Christ, the Lord, recalls the dead
 With His almighty breath.
- 3 Madness by nature reigns within,
 The passion burn and rage,
 Till God's own Son, with skill divine,
 The inward fire assuage.
- 4 We lick the dust, we grasp the wind,
 And solid good despise ;
 Such is the folly of the mind,
 Till Jesus makes us wise.
- 5 We give our souls the wounds they feel,
 We drink the poisonous gall,
 And rush with fury down to hell ;
 But heaven prevents the fall.

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Psalm xiv.

L. M.

THE Lord looked down from heaven's high
tower,

And all the sons of men did view,
To see if any owned His power,
If any truth or justice knew :

- 2 But all, He saw, were gone aside,
All were degenerate grown, and base ;
None took religion for their guide,
Not one of all the sinful race.
- 3 How will they tremble, then, for fear,
When His just wrath shall them o'ertake ;
For to the righteous God is near,
And never will their cause forsake.
- 4 Oh that from Zion he'd employ
His might and burst th' oppressive band !
Then shouts of universal joy
Should loudly echo through the land.

INVITED.

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Invitation.

P. M., 8.

PEACE, troubled soul, whose plaintive
moan

Hath taught each scene the notes of woe ;
Cease thy complaint, suppress thy groan,
And let thy tears forget to flow ;
Behold, the precious balm is found,
To lull thy pain, to heal thy wound.

- 2 Come, freely come, by sin oppressed ;
On Jesus cast thy weighty load ;
In Him thy refuge find, thy rest ;
Trust in the mercy of thy God :

Thy God's thy Saviour—glorious word!
For ever love and praise the Lord.

- 3 As spring the winter—day, the night,
So peace thy gloom shall chase away,
And smiling joy, a seraph bright,
Shall tend thy steps and near thee stay;
While glory weaves the immortal crown,
And waits to claim thee for her own.

260 *The Mercy-Seat.* P. M., 11, 10.

COME, ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish,

Come to the mercy-seat, fervently kneel:
Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell
your anguish;
Earth has no sorrows that heaven cannot
heal.

- 2 Joy of the desolate, light of the straying,
Hope of the penitent, fadeless and pure,
Here speaks the Comforter, in mercy saying,
Earth has no sorrows that heaven cannot
cure.

- 3 Here see the bread of life; see waters
flowing
Forth from the throne of God, boundless
in love;
Come to the feast prepared; come, ever
knowing
Earth has its sorrows, but heaven can
remove.

261 *Physician of Souls.* L. M.

DEEP are the wounds that sin has made:
Where shall the sinner find a cure?
In vain, alas! is nature's aid—
The work exceeds all nature's power.

2 And can no sovereign balm be found?
 And is no kind physician nigh
 To ease the pain and heal the wound,
 Ere life and hope for ever fly?

3 There is a great Physician near:
 Look up, O fainting soul! and live:
 See, in His heavenly smiles appear
 Such ease as nature cannot give.

4 See, in the Saviour's dying blood,
 Life, health and bliss abundant flow!
 'Tis only this dear, sacred flood
 Can ease thy pain and heal thy woe.

262 *Welcome to Christ.* P. M., 8, 7, 4.

COME, ye sinners, poor and wretched,
 Weak and wounded, sick and sore!
 Jesus ready stands to save you,
 Full of pity, love and power:
 He is able,
 He is willing: doubt no more.

2 Now, ye needy! come and welcome;
 God's free bounty glorify:
 True belief, and true repentance,
 Every grace that brings us nigh—
 Without money,
 Come to Jesus Christ, and buy.

3 Let not conscience make you linger,
 Nor of fitness fondly dream;
 All the fitness He requireth,
 Is to feel your need of Him;
 This He gives you;
 'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

4 Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
 Lost and ruined by the fall!

If you tarry till you're better,
 You will never come at all:
 Not the righteous—
 Sinners Jesus came to call.

5 View Him prostrate in the garden;
 On the ground your Maker lies!
 On the bloody tree behold Him;
 Hear Him cry, before He dies,
 "It is finished!"
 Sinner, will not this suffice?

6 Lo! th' incarnate God, ascended,
 Pleads the merit of His blood:
 Venture on Him, venture wholly,
 Let no other trust intrude;
 None but Jesus
 Can do helpless sinners good.

7 Saints and angels, joined in concert,
 Sing the praises of the Lamb;
 While the blissful seats of heaven
 Sweetly echo with His name:
 Hallelujah!
 Sinners here may sing the same.

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The Wanderer.

L. M

RETURN, O wanderer, return,
 And seek an injured Father's face;
 Those warm desires that in Thee burn
 Were kindled by reclaiming grace.

2 Return, O wanderer, return,
 And seek a Father's melting heart;
 His pitying eyes thy grief discern,
 His hand shall heal thy inward smart

3 Return, O wanderer, return;
 Thy Saviour bids thy spirit live;

Go to His bleeding feet, and learn
How freely Jesus can forgive.

- 4 Return, O wanderer, return,
And wipe away the falling tear :
'Tis God who says, "No longer mourn,"
'Tis mercy's voice invites thee near.

264

"The Accepted Time."

S. M.

NOW is th' accepted time,
Now is the day of grace
Now, sinners, come without delay,
And seek the Saviour's face.

- 2 Now is th' accepted time,
The Saviour calls to-day :
To-morrow it may be too late ;
Then why should you delay ?

- 3 Now is th' accepted time,
The gospel bids you come ;
And every promise in His word
Declares there yet is room.

- 4 Lord, draw reluctant souls,
And feast them with Thy love :
Then will the angels swiftly fly
To bear the news above.

265

Successful Resolve.

C. M.

COME, trembling sinner ! in whose breast
A thousand thoughts revolve—
Come, with your guilt and fear oppressed,
And make this last resolve—

- 2 I'll go to Jesus, though my sin,
Like mountains, round me rose ;
I know His courts, I'll enter in,
Whatever may oppose.

3 Prostrate I'll lie before His throne,
 And there my guilt confess ;
 I'll tell Him I'm a wretch undone
 Without His sovereign grace.

4 Perhaps He will admit my plea,
 Perhaps will hear my prayer ;
 But if I perish, I will pray,
 And perish only there.

5 I can but perish if I go ;
 I am resolved to try :
 For if I stay away, I know
 I must for ever die.

266 *The Weakness of the Sinner.* C. M.

WHO shall against the Lord prevail ?
 Or who presume to say,
 "That righteous law, which God proclaims,
 I dare to disobey ?"

2 Ten thousand actions everywhere
 Th' impious language speak :
 Yet power omnipotent stands by,
 Nor do its thunders break.

3 But oh, the dreadful day draws near,
 When God's avenging hand
 Shall show if feeble mortals' breath,
 Or God's own word, shall stand.

4 My soul, with reverence prostrate fall
 Before the Voice divine,
 And all thine interest and thy powers
 To His command resign.

5 Let the vain sons of Belial boast,
 Their tongues and thoughts are free ;
 My noblest liberty I own,
 When subject most to Thee.

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Mercy for Sinners.

C. M.

THE Saviour calls ; let every ear
Attend the heavenly sound :
Ye doubting souls ! dismiss your fear ;
Hope smiles reviving round.

2 For every thirsty, longing heart
Here streams of bounty flow ;
And life, and health, and bliss impart,
To banish mortal woe.

3 Here springs of sacred pleasure rise,
To ease your every pain :
Immortal fountain ! full supplies !
Nor shall you thirst in vain.

4 Ye sinners ! come, 'tis mercy's voice ;
The gracious call obey ;
Mercy invites to heavenly joys,
And can you yet delay ?

5 Dear Saviour ! draw reluctant hearts ;
To Thee let sinners fly,
And take the bliss Thy love imparts,
And drink, and never die.

268

The Weary Pilgrim.

P. M., 7.

COME, said Jesus' sacred voice,
Come and make My paths your choice ;
I will guide you to your home !
Weary pilgrim, hither come !

2 Thou who, houseless, sole, forlorn,
Long hast borne the proud world's scorn,
Long hast roamed the barren waste ;
Weary pilgrim, hither haste !

3 Ye who, tossed on beds of pain,
Seek for ease, but seek in vain ;

Ye, whose swoll'n and sleepless eyes
Watch to see the morning rise ;

4 Ye, by fiercer anguish torn,
Guilt, in strong remorse, who mourn,
Here repose your heavy care !
Conscience wounded, who can bear ?

5 Sinner, come ! for here is found
Balm that flows for every wound ;
Peace that ever shall endure ;
Rest eternal, sacred, sure.

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The Voice of Free Grace.

12.

THE voice of free grace cries—"Escape to
the mountain !"

For Adam's lost race Christ hath opened a
fountain ;

For sin and uncleanness, and every trans-
gression,

His blood flows most freely in streams of
salvation.

Chorus.

Hallelujah to the Lamb ! He hath purchased
our pardon,

We'll praise Him again when we pass over
Jordan.

2 Ye souls that are wounded ! oh flee to the
Saviour ;

He calls you in mercy,—'tis infinite favor ;

Your sins are increasing—escape to the
mountain,—

His blood can remove them, it flows from the
fountain.

- 3 O Jesus! ride onward, triumphantly glorious,
 O'er sin, death and hell Thou art more than victorious;
 Thy name is the theme of the great congregation,
 While angels and saints raise the shout of salvation.
- 4 With joy shall we stand, when escaped to the shore;
 With harps in our hands, we'll praise Him the more:
 We'll range the sweet plains on the bank of the river,
 And sing of salvation for ever and ever!

- POOR wildered, weeping heart,
 What can relieve thee?
 Come, sinful as thou art,
 Christ will receive thee;
 Come, though with woe oppressed,
 Soft is the Saviour's breast,
 There may'st thou sweetly rest,
 There naught shall grieve thee.
- 2 Come, trembling, timid soul,
 Why this delaying?
 Thunders, that o'er thee roll,
 Fall on thee straying.
 Turn from destruction's ways,
 Turn to the throne of grace;
 There seek Thy Father's face,
 Weeping and praying.
- 3 "Hence, guilty fear and doubt,
 Leave me for ever!

Lord, wilt Thou cast me out?
 Never—oh never!
 From unbelief of mind,
 From thought to sin inclined,
 From flesh and hell combined,
 Thou wilt deliver.”

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Come and Welcome.

P. M., 7.

FROM the cross uplifted high,
 Where the Saviour deigns to die,
 What melodious sounds we hear,
 Bursting on the ravished ear!
 “Love’s redeeming work is done;
 Come and welcome, sinner, come.

2 “Sprinkled now with blood the throne,
 Why beneath thy burdens groan?
 On My piercèd body laid,
 Justice owns the ransom paid;
 Bow the knee, and kiss the Son;
 Come and welcome, sinner, come.

3 “Spread for thee, the festal board
 See with richest dainties stored;
 To thy Father’s bosom pressed,
 Yet again a child confessed,
 Never from His house to roam;
 Come and welcome, sinner, come.

4 “Soon the days of life shall end;
 Lo, I come, your Saviour, Friend,
 Safe your spirits to convey
 To the realms of endless day,
 Up to My eternal home;
 Come and welcome, sinner, come.”

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Child of Sin and Sorrow. P. M., 6, 4.

CHILD of sin and sorrow,
Filled with dismay,
Wait not for to-morrow,
Yield thee to-day :
Heaven bids thee come,
While yet there's room ;
Child of sin and sorrow,
Hear and obey.

2 Child of sin and sorrow,
Why wilt thou die ?
Come, while thou canst borrow
Help from on high :
Grieve not that love,
Which from above,
Child of sin and sorrow,
Would bring thee nigh.

3 Child of sin and sorrow,
Where wilt thou flee ?
Through that long to-morrow,
Eternity !
Exiled from home,
Darkly to roam,
Child of sin and sorrow,
Where wilt thou flee ?

4 Child of sin and sorrow,
Lift up thine eye !
Heirship thou canst borrow
In worlds on high !
In that high home,
Graven Thy name
Child of sin and sorrow,
Swift homeward fly !

WE'RE traveling home to heaven above,
 Will you go?
 To sing the Saviour's dying love;
 Will you go?
 Millions have reached that blest abode,
 Anointed kings and priests to God,
 And millions more are on the road,
 Will you go?

2 We're going to see the bleeding Lamb,
 Will you go?
 In rapturous strains to praise His name?
 Will you go?
 The crown of life we there shall wear,
 The conqueror's palms our hands shall bear,
 And all the joys of heaven we'll share,
 Will you go?

3 We're going to join the heavenly choir,
 Will you go?
 To raise our voice and tune the lyre;
 Will you go?
 There saints and angels gladly sing
 Hosanna to their God and King,
 And make the heavenly arches ring,
 Will you go?

4 Ye weary, heavy-laden, come,
 Will you go?
 In the blest house there still is room;
 Will you go?
 The Lord is waiting to receive;
 If thou wilt on Him now believe,
 He'll give thy troubled conscience ease,
 Come, believe.

5 'The way to heaven is straight and plain,
 Will you go?
 Repent, believe, be born again;
 Will you go?
 The Saviour cries aloud to thee,
 "Take up thy cross and follow Me,
 And thou shalt My salvation see,
 Come to Me."

6 Oh could I hear some sinner say,
 I will go!
 I'll start this moment on the way;
 Let me go!
 My old companions, fare you well,
 I will not go with you to hell,
 I mean with Jesus Christ to dwell,
 I will go!

WARNED AND ENTREATED.

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Danger of Delay.

P. M., 11.

DELAY not, delay not; O sinner! draw
 near;
 The waters of life are now flowing for
 thee:
 No price is demanded; the Saviour is here;
 Redemption is purchased, salvation is
 free.

2 Delay not, delay not; why longer abuse
 The love and compassion of Jesus, thy
 God?
 A fountain is opened; how canst thou re-
 fuse
 To wash and be cleansed in His pardon-
 ing blood?

- 3 Delay not, delay not, O sinner! to come,
 For mercy still lingers, and calls thee to-day;
 Her voice is not heard in the shades of the tomb:
 Her message, unheeded, will soon pass away.
- 4 Delay not, delay not; the Spirit of grace,
 Long grieved and resisted, may take His sad flight;
 And leave thee in darkness to finish thy race,
 To sink in the gloom of eternity's night.
- 5 Delay not, delay not; the hour is at hand:
 The earth shall dissolve, and the heavens shall fade;
 The dead, small and great, in the judgment shall stand;
 What helper then, sinner, shall lend thee his aid?

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To-day.

P. M., 7.

HASTEN, sinner, to be wise,
 Stay not for the morrow's sun;
 Wisdom, if thou still despise,
 Harder is it to be won.

2 Hasten, mercy to implore,
 Stay not for the morrow's sun,
 Lest thy season should be o'er
 Ere this evening's course be run.

3 Hasten, sinner, to return,
 Stay not for the morrow's sun,
 Lest thy lamp should fail to burn
 Ere the needful work is done.

4 Hasten, sinner, to be blest,
 Stay not for the morrow's sun,
 Lest the curse should thee arrest
 Ere the morrow is begun.

276 "The Harvest is Past." P. M., 12, 8.

WHEN the harvest is past, and the summer is gone,
 And sermons and prayers shall be o'er,
 When the beams cease to break of the blest
 Sabbath morn,
 And Jesus invites thee no more;

2 When the rich gales of mercy no longer
 shall blow,
 The gospel no message declare,—
 Sinner, how canst thou bear the deep wailing
 of woe?
 How suffer the night of despair?

3 When the holy have gone to the regions of
 peace,
 To dwell in the mansions above;
 When their harmony wakes, in the fullness
 of bliss,
 Their song to the Saviour of love,—

4 Say, O sinner, that livest at rest and secure,
 Who fearest no trouble to come,
 Can thy spirit the swellings of sorrow endure,
 Or bear the impenitent's doom?

277 Ezekiel xxxiii. 11. P. M., 7.

SINNERS! turn—why will ye die?
 O God, your Maker, asks you why:
 God, who did your being give,
 Made you with Himself to live:

He the fatal cause demands,
Asks the work of His own hands:
Why, O thankless creatures! why
Will ye spurn His love, and die?

2 Sinners! turn—why will ye die?
God, your Saviour, asks you why:
He who His own life did give,
That ye might for ever live:
Will you let Him die in vain?
Crucify your Lord again?
Why, O ransomed sinners! why
Will ye slight His grace, and die?

3 Sinners! turn—why will ye die?
God, the Spirit, asks you why:
He who all your lives hath strove—
Moved you to embrace His love:
Will ye not His love receive?
Will ye still refuse to live?
Why, O long-sought sinners! why
Will ye grieve your God, and die?

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Sinners Invited. P. M., 8, 7, 4.

SINNERS, will you scorn the message,
Sent in mercy from above?
Every sentence—oh how tender!—
Every line is full of love;
Listen to it,
Every line is full of love.

2 Hear the heralds of the Gospel
News from Zion's King proclaim,
To each rebel sinner—"Pardon,
Free forgiveness in His name."
How important!
Free forgiveness in His name!

3 Tempted souls, they bring you succor;
 Fearful hearts, they quell your fears,
 And with news of consolation,
 Chase away the falling tears:
 Tender heralds
 Chase away the falling tears.

4 False professors, grov'ling worldlings,
 Callous hearers of the word,
 While the messengers address you,
 Take the warnings they afford;
 We entreat you,
 Take the warnings they afford.

5 O ye angels, hov'ring round us,
 Waiting spirits, speed your way,
 Hasten to the court of heaven,
 Tidings bear without delay:
 Rebel sinners
 Glad the message will obey.

279

"I Know you Not."

P. M., 7.

SEEK, my soul, the narrow gate,
 Enter ere it be too late;
 Many ask to enter there
 When too late to offer prayer.

2 God from mercy's seat shall rise,
 And for ever bar the skies:
 Then, though sinners cry without,
 He will say, "I know you not."

3 Mournfully will they exclaim:
 "Lord, we have professed Thy Name;
 We have ate with Thee, and heard
 Heavenly teaching in Thy word."

4 Vain, alas ! will be their plea,
Workers of iniquity ;
Sad their everlasting lot ;
Christ will say, " I know you not."

280 *"Ye must be Born Again."* C. M.

SINNERS, this solemn truth regard !
Hear, all ye sons of men ;
For Christ, the Saviour, hath declared,
" Ye must be born again."

2 Whate'er might be your birth or blood,
The sinner's boast is vain ;
Thus saith the glorious Son of God,
" Ye must be born again."

3 Your nature's totally depraved—
Your heart a sink of sin ;
Without a change ye can't be saved ;
" Ye must be born again."

4 Spirit of life, Thy grace impart,
And breathe on sinners slain ;
Work graciously upon each heart
Till they be born again.

5 Dear Saviour, let them now begin
To trust and love Thy word ;
And, by forsaking every sin,
Prove they are born of God.

281 *"My Spirit shall not Always Strive."* L. M.

SAY, sinner, hath a voice within
Soft whispered to thy secret soul,
Urged thee to leave the ways of sin,
And yield thy heart to God's control ?

2 Hath something met thee in the path
Of worldliness and vanity,

And pointed to the coming wrath,
And warned thee from that wrath to flee?

3 Sinner, it was a heavenly voice,—
It was the Spirit's gracious call;
It bade thee make the better choice,
And haste to seek in Christ thine all.

4 Spurn not the call to life and light;
Regard in time the warning kind;
That call thou may'st not always slight,
And yet the gate of mercy find.

5 God's Spirit will not always strive
With hardened, self-destroying man;
Ye who persist His love to grieve,
May never hear His voice again.

6 Sinner, perhaps this very day
Thy last accepted time may be;
Oh shouldst thou grieve Him now away,
Then hope may never beam on thee.

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Ephesians v.

P. M., 7.

SINNER, rouse thee from thy sleep,
Wake, and o'er thy folly weep;
Raise thy spirit, dark and dead;
Jesus waits His light to shed.

2 Wake from sleep, arise from death,
Seek the bright and living path:
Watchful tread that path, be wise;
Leave thy folly, seek the skies.

3 Leave thy folly, cease from crime,
From this hour redeem thy time;
Life secure without delay,
Evil is the mortal day.

- 4 Be not blind and foolish still ;
 Called of Jesus, learn His will :
 Jesus calls from death and night,
 Jesus waits to shed His light.

283 *"Prepare to Meet thy God."* P. M., 7.

- SINNER, art thou still secure ?
 Wilt thou still refuse to pray ?
 Can thy heart or hands endure
 In the Lord's avenging day ?
- 2 See, His mighty arm is bared !
 Awful terrors clothe His brow !
 For His judgment stand prepared ;
 Thou must either break or bow.
- 3 At His presence nature shakes,
 Earth, affrighted, hastes to flee ;
 Solid mountains melt like wax,
 What will then become of thee ?
- 4 Who His advent may abide ?
 You that glory in your shame,
 Will you find a place to hide
 When the world is wrapped in flame ?
- 5 Lord, prepare us by Thy grace !
 Soon we must resign our breath,
 And our souls be called to pass
 Through the iron gate of death.
- 6 Let us now our day improve,
 Listen to the gospel voice :
 Seek the things that are above :
 Scorn the world's pretended joys.

284 *Dangers of Sinners.* C. M.

- SINNERS ! the voice of God regard :
 'Tis mercy speaks to-day ;
 He calls you by His gracious word
 From sin's destructive way.

- 2 Like the rough sea that cannot rest,
You live devoid of peace;
A thousand stings within your breast
Deprive your souls of ease.
- 3 Your way is dark, and leads to hell:
Why will you persevere?
Can you in frightful torments dwell,
Shut up in black despair?
- 4 Bow to the sceptre of His word,
Renouncing every sin;
Submit to Him, your sovereign Lord,
And learn His will divine.

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The Alarm.

P. M., 7, 6.

- STOP, poor sinners, stop and think,
Before you farther go;
Will you sport upon the brink
Of everlasting woe!
On the verge of ruin stop—
Now the friendly warning take—
Stay your footsteps, ere ye drop
Into the burning lake.
- 2 Say, have you an arm like God,
That you His will oppose?
Fear ye not that iron rod
With which He breaks His foes?
Can you stand in that dread day,
Which His justice shall proclaim,
When the earth shall melt away
Like wax before the flame?
- 3 Ghastly death will quickly come,
And drag you to His bar;
Then to hear your awful doom
Will fill you with despair!

All your sins will round you crowd ;
 You shall mark their crimson dye ;
 Each for vengeance crying loud,
 And what can you reply ?

- 4 Though your heart were made of steel,
 Your forehead lined with brass ;
 God at length will make you feel ;
 He will not let you pass ;
 Sinners then in vain will call—
 Those who now despise His grace—
 “ Rocks and mountains, on us fall,
 And hide us from his face.”

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Neglecting Religion.

L. M.

WHY will ye lavish out your years
 Amidst a thousand trifling cares,
 While, in the various range of thought,
 The one thing needful is forgot ?

- 2 Why will ye chase the fleeting wind,
 And famish an immortal mind,
 While angels with regret look down
 To see you spurn a heavenly crown ?
- 3 Th' eternal God calls from above,
 And Jesus pleads His dying love ;
 Awakened conscience gives you pain :
 And shall they join their pleas in vain ?
- 4 Not so your dying eyes shall view
 Those objects which ye now pursue ;
 Not so shall heaven and hell appear
 When the decisive hour is near.
- 5 Almighty God ! Thine aid impart,
 To fix conviction on the heart :
 Thy power can clear the darkest eyes,
 And make the haughtiest scorner wise.

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The Broad Road.

L. M.

BROAD is the road that leads to death,
And thousands walk together there ;
But wisdom shows a narrow path,
With here and there a traveler.

2 "Deny thyself, and take thy cross,"
Is the Redeemer's great command ;
Nature must count her gold but dross,
If she would gain this heavenly land.

3 The fearful soul that tires and faints,
And walks the ways of God no more,
Is but esteemed almost a saint,
And makes his own destruction sure.

4 Lord, let not all my hopes be vain ;
Create my heart entirely new ;
Which hypocrites could ne'er attain ;
Which false apostates never knew.

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The Cross.

P. M., 7.

HEARTS of stone, relent, relent,
Break, by Jesus' cross subdued ;
See His body, mangled, rent,
Covered with a gore of blood ;
Sinful soul, what hast thou done ?
Crucified God's only Son.

2 Yes, thy sins have done the deed,
Driv'n the nails that fixed Him there ;
Crowned with thorns His sacred head,
Plunged into His side the spear ;
Made His soul a sacrifice,
While for sinful man He dies.

3 Wilt thou let Him bleed in vain ?
Still to death thy Lord pursue ?

Open all His wounds again,
And the shameful cross renew?
No! with all my sins I'll part:
Break, oh break, my bleeding heart!

289

Sinner Entreated.

P. M., 7.

SINNER, is thy heart at rest?
Is thy bosom void of fear?
Art thou not by guilt oppressed?
Speaks not conscience in thine ear?

2 Can this world afford thee bliss?
Can it chase away thy gloom?
Flattering, false, and vain it is:—
Tremble at the worldling's doom.

3 Think, O sinner, on thy end;
See the judgment-day appear!
Thither must thy spirit wend;
There thy righteous sentence hear.

4 Wretched, ruined, helpless soul,
To a Saviour's blood apply;
He alone can make thee whole;
Fly to Jesus—sinner, fly?

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The Accepted Time.

L. M.

WHILE life prolongs its precious light,
Mercy is found, and peace is given;
But soon, ah, soon, approaching night
Shall blot out every hope of heaven.

2 While God invites, how blest the day!
How sweet the gospel's charming sound!
"Come, sinners, haste, oh haste away,
While yet a pardoning God is found.

- 3 "Soon, borne on time's most rapid wing,
Shall death command you to the grave,
Before His bar your spirits bring,
And none be found to hear or save.
- 4 "In that lone land of deep despair,
No Sabbath's heavenly light shall rise—
No God regard your bitter prayer,
No Saviour call you to the skies."
- 5 No wonders to the dead are shown
(The wonders of redeeming love);
No voice His gracious truth makes known,
Nor sings the bliss of climes above.
- 6 Silence, and solitude, and gloom
In these forgetful realms appear;
Deep sorrows fill the dismal tomb,
And hope shall never enter there.

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The Limit of Mercy.

C. M.

THERE is a time, we know not when,
A point, we know not where,
That marks the destiny of man
To glory or despair.

- 2 There is a line, by us unseen,
That crosses every path;
The hidden boundary between
God's patience and His wrath.
- 3 To pass that limit is to die,
To die as if by stealth;
It does not quench the beaming eye,
Or pale the glow of health.
- 4 The conscience may be still at ease,
The spirits light and gay;
That which is pleasing still may please,
And care be thrust away.

- 5 But on the forehead God has set,
Indelibly, a mark,
Unseen by man, for man as yet
Is blind and in the dark.
- 6 And yet the doomed man's path below
Like Eden may have bloomed ;
He did not, does not, will not know
Or feel that he is doomed.
- 7 He knows, he feels that all is well,
And every fear is calmed ;
He lives, he dies, he wakes in hell,
Not only doomed, but damned.
- 8 Oh where is this mysterious bourne,
By which our path is crossed,
Beyond which, God himself hath sworn
That he who goes is lost ?
- 9 How far may we go on in sin ?
How long will God forbear ?
Where does hope end ? and where begin
The confines of despair ?
- 10 An answer from the skies is sent ;
Ye that from God depart,
While it is called to-day, repent !
And harden not your heart.

AWAKENED.

292

The Awakened Sinner.

S. M.

- OH where shall rest be found,
Rest for the weary soul ?
'Twere vain the ocean's depths to sound,
Or pierce to either pole.
- 2 The world can never give
The bliss for which we sigh :

'Tis not the whole of life to live,
Nor all of death to die.

3 Beyond this vale of tears
There is a life above,
Unmeasured by the flight of years—
And all that life is love.

4 There is a death whose pang
Outlasts the fleeting breath :
Oh what eternal horrors hang
Around the second death !

5 Lord God of truth and grace !
Teach us that death to shun :
Lest we be driven from Thy face,
And evermore undone.

6 Here would we end our quest :
Alone are found in Thee
The life of perfect love—the rest
Of immortality.

293

The Anxious Doubt.

S. M.

WAKED by the trumpet's sound,
I from my grave shall rise,
And see the Judge with glory crowned,
And see the flaming skies !

2 Who can resolve the doubt
That tears my anxious breast ?
Shall I be with the lost cast out,
Or numbered with the blest ?

3 O Thou that wouldst not have
One wretched sinner die !
Who diedst Thyself, my soul to save
From endless misery !

4 Show me the way to shun
Thy dreadful wrath severe !
That when Thou comest on Thy throne,
I may with joy appear !

294

Bartimeus' Prayer.

P. M., 8, 7.

"**M**ERCY, O Thou son of David!"
 Thus the blind Bartimeus prayed;
 "Others by Thy word are savèd,
 Now to me afford Thine aid."

2 Many for his crying chid him,
 But he called the louder still;
 Till the gracious Saviour bid him,
 "Come, and ask me what you will."

3 Money was not what he wanted,
 Though by begging used to live;
 But he asked, and Jesus granted,
 Alms which none but He could give.

4 "Lord, remove this grievous blindness,
 "Let mine eyes behold the day!"
 Straight he saw, and won by kindness,
 Followed Jesus in the way.

5 Oh! methinks I hear him praising,
 Publishing to all around,
 "Friends, is not my case amazing?
 What a Saviour I have found!"

6 "Oh! that all the blind but knew Him,
 And would be advised by me!
 Surely they would hasten to Him,
 He would cause them all to see."

295

Eternity.

P. M., 8, 7.

ETERNITY! terrific word,
 Within the heart a piercing sword!
 Beginning without ending!
 Eternity! unmeasured time!
 I sink beneath the thought sublime
 That I to thee am tending:
 Deep horror fills my quaking heart,
 My lips in speech refuse to part.

- 2 Eternity ! oh what a pang !
 Eternity ! no serpent's fang
 Could send that thrill of terror.
 When I revolve thy clanking chains,
 Thy dark abyss of deathless pains,
 My soul is filled with horror.
 Oh search the universe around,
 No equal terror can be found !
- 3 Awake, O man, from sinful sleep :
 Bethink thyself, thou straying sheep ;
 Seek God by true repentance !
 Awake, behold thy wasting sand,
 Eternity is just at hand
 And brings thine awful sentence.
 This is, perchance, thy final day :
 Who knows when he'll be snatched away ?
- 4 Eternity ! terrific word,
 Within the heart a piercing sword !
 Beginning without ending !
 Eternity ! unmeasured time !
 I sink beneath the thought sublime
 That I to thee am tending :
 Lord Jesus, when it pleaseth Thee,
 Grant me Thy blest eternity !

THOU Man of griefs ! remember me,
 Thou surely never canst forget
 Thy last mysterious agony,
 Thy fainting pangs and bloody sweat !

- 2 When, wrestling in the strength of prayer,
 Thy spirit sank beneath its load !
 Thy feeble flesh afraid to bear
 The wrath of an Almighty God !

- 3 Father, if I may call Thee so,
 Regard my fearful heart's desire,
 Remove this load of guilty woe,
 Nor let me in my sins expire!
- 4 I tremble lest the wrath divine,
 Which bruises now my sinful soul,
 Should bruise this wretched soul of mine
 Long as eternal ages roll!
- 5 I deprecate that death alone,
 That endless banishment from Thee!
 Oh save me, through Thine only Son,
 Who trembled, wept and bled for me!

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Awakened.

C. P. M.

- L**O! on a narrow neck of land,
 'Twixt two unbounded seas, I stand,
 Secure, insensible:
 A point of time, a moment's space,
 Removes me to that heavenly place,
 Or shuts me up in hell.
- 2 O God! mine inmost soul convert,
 And deeply on my thoughtful heart
 Eternal things impress:
 Give me to feel their solemn weight,
 And tremble on the brink of fate,
 And wake to righteousness.
- 3 Before me place in dread array
 The pomp of that tremendous day,
 When Thou with clouds shalt come;
 To judge the nations at Thy bar;
 And tell me, Lord, shall I be there
 To meet a joyful doom?
- 4 Be this my one great business here,
 With serious industry and fear

Eternal bliss t' ensure :
 Thine utmost counsel to fulfill,
 And suffer all Thy righteous will,
 And to the end endure.

- 5 Then, Saviour, then my soul receive,
 Transported from this vale to live
 And reign with Thee above,
 Where faith is sweetly lost in sight,
 And hope in full, supreme delight
 And everlasting love.

PENITENT.

298

Lamb of God.

P. M., 8, 6.

JUST as I am, without one plea,
 But that Thy blood was shed for me,
 And that Thou bid'st me come to Thee,
 O Lamb of God, I come !

- 2 Just as I am, and waiting not
 To rid my soul of one dark blot,
 To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
 O Lamb of God, I come !

- 3 Just as I am, though tossed about
 With many a conflict, many a doubt,
 Fightings within, and fears without,
 O Lamb of God, I come !

- 4 Just as I am—poor, wretched, blind ;
 Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
 Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,
 O Lamb of God, I come !

- 5 Just as I am—Thou wilt receive,
 Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve ;
 Because Thy promise I believe,
 O Lamb of God, I come !

- 6 Just as I am—Thy love unknown
Hath broken every barrier down ;
Now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God I come !

299 *Prayer for a New Heart.* L. M.

O THOU that hear'st when sinners cry,
Though all my crimes before Thee lie,
Behold them not with angry look,
But blot their memory from Thy book.

- 2 Create my nature pure within,
And form my soul averse to sin :
Let Thy good Spirit ne'er depart,
Nor hide Thy presence from my heart.
- 3 I cannot live without Thy light,
Cast out and banished from Thy sight :
Thy holy joys, my God, restore,
And guard me that I fall no more.
- 4 Though I have grieved Thy Spirit, Lord,
Thy help and comfort still afford ;
And let a wretch come near Thy throne,
To plead the merits of Thy Son.
- 5 A broken heart, my God, my King,
Is all the sacrifice I bring ;
The God of grace will ne'er despise
A broken heart for sacrifice.
- 6 My soul lies humbled in the dust,
And owns Thy dreadful sentence just ;
Look down, O Lord, with pitying eye,
And save the soul condemned to die.

300 *Looking to Jesus.* L. M.

HERE at Thy cross, my dying Lord,
I lay my soul beneath Thy love,
Beneath the droppings of Thy blood,
Jesus, nor shall it e'er remove.

- 2 Should worlds conspire to drive me thence,
Moveless and firm this heart should lie;
Resolved—for that's my last defence—
If I must perish, there to die.
- 3 But speak, my Lord, and calm my fear;
Am I not safe beneath Thy shade?
Thy vengeance will not strike me here,
Nor Satan dare my soul invade.
- 4 Yes, I'm secure beneath Thy blood,
And all my foes shall lose their aim;
Hosanna to my dying Lord,
And my best honors to His name.

301

Prayer for Help.

C. P. M.

- O THOU who hear'st the prayer of faith,
Wilt Thou not save a soul from death
That casts itself on Thee?
I have no refuge of my own,
But fly to what my Lord hath done
And suffered once for me.
- 2 Slain in the guilty sinner's stead,
His spotless righteousness I plead,
And His availing blood:
That righteousness my robe shall be;
That merit shall atone for me,
And bring me near to God.
- 3 Then save me from eternal death,
The Spirit of adoption breathe,
His consolations send:
By Him some word of life impart,
And sweetly whisper to my heart.
"Thy Maker is thy friend."
- 4 The king of terrors then would be
A welcome messenger to me,

To bid me come away :
 Unclogged by earth, or earthly things,
 I'd mount, I'd fly, with eager wings,
 To everlasting day.

302

Deliverance Desired.

L. M.

OH that my load of sin were gone !
 Oh that I could at last submit,
 At Jesus' feet to lay it down—
 To lay my soul at Jesus' feet !

- 2 Rest for my soul I long to find :
 Saviour of all, if mine Thou art,
 Give me Thy meek and lowly mind,
 And stamp Thine image on my heart.
- 3 Break off the yoke of inbred sin,
 And fully set my spirit free :
 I cannot rest till pure within—
 Till I am wholly lost in Thee.
- 4 Fain would I learn of Thee, my God !
 Thy light and easy burden prove—
 The cross all stained with hallowed blood,
 The labor of Thy dying love.
- 5 I would—but Thou must give the power ;
 My heart from every sin release :
 Bring near, bring near the joyful hour,
 And fill me with Thy perfect peace !
- 6 Come, Lord, the drooping sinner cheer,
 Nor let Thy chariot wheels delay ;
 Appear in my poor heart, appear ;
 My God, my Saviour, come away.

303

Sin Bewailed.

P. M., 7.

COME, my soul, thy suit prepare,
 Jesus loves to answer prayer ;
 He himself has bid thee pray,
 Rise and ask without delay.

- 2 With my burden I begin :
 Lord ! remove this load of sin !
 Let Thy blood, for sinners spilt,
 Set my conscience free from guilt.
- 3 Lord ! I come to Thee for rest ;
 Take possession of my breast ;
 There Thy sovereign right maintain,
 And without a rival reign.
- 4 Show me what I have to do,
 Every hour my strength renew ;
 Let me live a life of faith,
 Let me die thy people's death..

304

Penitence.

L. M.

- SHOW pity, Lord ! O Lord, forgive !
 S Let a repenting sinner live,
 Are not Thy mercies large and free ?
 May not the contrite trust in Thee ?
- 2 With shame my numerous sins I trace
 Against Thy law, against Thy grace ;
 And, though my prayer Thou shouldst not
 hear,
 My doom is just, and Thou art clear.
- 3 Yet save a penitent, O Lord !
 Whose hope, still hovering round Thy word,
 Seeks for some precious promise there,
 Some sure support against despair.
- 4 My sins are great, but don't surpass
 The riches of eternal grace.
 Great God ! Thy nature hath no bound :
 So let Thy pardoning love be found.
- 5 Oh wash my soul from every stain,
 Nor let the guilt I mourn remain :

Give me to hear Thy pardoning voice,
And bid my bleeding heart rejoice.

- 6 Then shall Thy love inspire my tongue,
Salvation shall be all my song;
And every power shall join to bless
The Lord, my strength and righteousness.

305

Deep Contrition.

P. M., 7.

JESUS, save my dying soul;
Make the broken spirit whole;
Humbled in the dust I lie;
Saviour, leave me not to die.

- 2 Jesus, full of every grace,
Now reveal Thy smiling face;
Grant the joy of sin forgiven,
Foretaste of the bliss of heaven.

- 3 All my guilt to Thee is known—
Thou art righteous, Thou alone:
All my help is from Thy cross;
All besides I count but loss.

- 4 Lord, in Thee I now believe:
Wilt Thou—wilt Thou not forgive?
Helpless at Thy feet I lie;
Saviour, leave me not to die.

MAN A SAINT.

JUSTIFIED.

306

Psalm xxxii. 2.

L. M.

BLEST is the man, for ever blest,
Whose guilt is pardoned by his God,
Whose sins with sorrow are confessed,
And covered with his Saviour's blood.

- 2 Blest is the man to whom the Lord
Imputes not his iniquities ;
He pleads no merit of reward,
And not on works, but grace, relies.
- 3 From guile his heart and lips are free ;
His humble joy, his holy fear,
With deep repentance well agree,
And join to prove his faith sincere.
- 4 How glorious is that righteousness
That hides and cancels all his sins !
While a bright evidence of grace
Through his whole life appears and shines.

PARDONED.

307

The Joy of Conversion.

C. M.

- WHEN God revealed His gracious name,
And changed my mournful state,
My rapture seemed a pleasing dream,
The grace appeared so great.
- 2 The world beheld the glorious change,
And did Thy hand confess ;
My tongue broke out in unknown strains,
And sung surprising grace.
- 3 “Great is the work,” my neighbors cried,
And owned Thy power divine ;
“Great is the work,” my heart replied,
“And be the glory Thine.”
- 4 The Lord can clear the darkest skies,
Can give us day for night ;
Make drops of sacred sorrow rise
To rivers of delight.

- 5 Let those that sow in sadness wait
Till the fair harvest come ;
They shall confess their sheaves are great,
And shout the blessings home.

308

God's Goodness.

S. M

- HOW various and how new
Are Thy compassions, Lord !
Each morning shall Thy mercies show,
Each night Thy love record.
- 2 Thy goodness, like the sun,
Dawned on our early days,
Ere infant reason had begun
To form our lips to praise.
- 3 Each object we beheld
Gave pleasure to our eyes,
And nature all our senses held
In bands of sweet surprise.
- 4 But pleasures more refined
Awaited that blest day
When light arose upon our mind
To chase our sins away.
- 5 How various and how new
Are Thy compassions, Lord !
Eternity Thy truth shall show,
And all Thy love record.

309

Grace.

C. M.

- AMAZING grace ! how sweet the sound,
That saved a soul like me !
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.
- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
'Twas grace my fears relieved ;

How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed !

3 Full many a danger, toil and snare
My soul has overcome ;
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

4 And when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil
A life of joy and peace.

310

"Am I Called?"

P. M., 7.

A M I called ? and can it be,
Has my Saviour chosen me ?
Guilty, wretched as I am,
Has He named my worthless name ?
Vilest of the vile am I,
Dare I raise my hopes so high ?

2 Am I called ? I dare not stay,
May not, must not disobey ;
Here, I lay me at Thy feet,
Clinging to the mercy-seat ;
Thine I am and Thine alone ;
Lord, with me Thy will be done.

3 Am I called ? what shall I bring
As an offering to my King ?
Poor and blind and naked, I
Trembling at Thy footstool lie ;
Naught but sin I call mine own,
Nor for sin can sin atone.

4 Am I called an heir of God ?
Washed, redeemed by precious blood ?
Father, lead me in Thy hand,
Guide me to that better land,
Where my soul shall be at rest,
Pillowed on my Saviour's breast.

ASSURED.

311

Assurance.

P. M., 6, 9.

OH how happy are they
 Who the Saviour obey,
 And have laid up their treasures above!
 Tongue can never express
 The sweet comfort and peace
 Of a soul in its earliest love.

2 That sweet comfort was mine
 When the favor divine
 I received through the blood of the Lamb!
 When my heart first believed,
 What a joy I received!
 What a heaven in Jesus' dear name!

3 'Twas a heaven below
 My Redeemer to know;
 And the angels could do nothing more
 Than to fall at His feet,
 And the story repeat,
 And the Lover of sinners adore.

4 Jesus all the day long
 Was my joy and my song;
 Oh that all His salvation might see!
 He hath loved me, I cried,
 He hath suffered and died,
 To redeem even rebels like me.

5 Oh the rapturous height
 Of that holy delight
 Which I felt in the life-giving blood!
 Of my Saviour possessed,
 I was perfectly blest,
 As if filled with the fullness of God.

312

The Anchor.

P. M., 9, 8.

I NOW have found for hope of heaven
An anchor-ground that firm will hold ;
One through the cross of Jesus given,
By God predestined from of old ;
A ground that shall enduring stay
When earth and skies have passed away.

2 'Tis mercy—mercy never ending,
Whose measure all our thoughts excels,
The arms of pity wide extending
Of Him whose heart for sinners feels,
And whose compassion warns His foes
To fly from sin and endless woes.

3 Of all besides were I forsaken,
That could my soul or body cheer,—
If every joy of earth were taken,
And not a friend were left me here,—
One joy remains—the brightest, best :
With pardoning love I still am blest.

313

Mary Weeping.

P. M., 7.

MARY to her Saviour's tomb
Hasted at the early dawn ;
Spice she brought, and sweet perfume,
But the Lord she loved had gone.

2 For a while she weeping stood,
Struck with sorrow and surprise ;
Shedding tears, a plenteous flood,
For her heart supplied her eyes.

3 Jesus, who is always near,
Though too often unperceived,
Came His drooping child to cheer,
Kindly asking why she grieved.

- 4 Though at first she knew Him not,
 When He called her by her name,
 Then were all her griefs forgot,
 For she found He was the same.
- 5 Grief and sighing quickly fled
 When she heard His welcome voice ;
 Just before she thought Him dead ;
 Now He bids her heart rejoice.
- 6 What a change His word can make,
 Turning darkness into day !
 You who weep for Jesus' sake,
 He will wipe your tears away.

314

Intercession.

H. M.

- A**RISE, my soul, arise,
 Shake off thy guilty fears,
 The bleeding Sacrifice
 In my behalf appears ;
 Before the throne my Surety stands,
 My name is written on His hands.
- 2 He ever lives above,
 For me to intercede ;
 His all-redeeming love,
 His precious blood to plead ;
 His blood atoned for all our race,
 And sprinkles now the throne of grace.
- 3 Five bleeding wounds He bears,
 Received on Calvary ;
 They pour effectual prayers,
 They strongly speak for me ;
 Forgive him, oh forgive, they cry,
 Nor let that ransomed sinner die.
- 4 The Father hears him pray,
 His dear anointed One ;

He cannot turn away
 The presence of His Son ;
 His Spirit answers to the blood,
 And tells me I am born of God.

- 5 My God is reconciled,
 His pardoning voice I hear :
 He owns me for His child,
 I can no longer fear ;
 With confidence I now draw nigh,
 And Father, Abba, Father ! cry.

IN BODILY AND SPIRITUAL TROUBLE.

315

Rest Found.

C. M.

- I**N vain I trace creation o'er
 In search of solid rest :
 The whole creation is too poor,
 Too mean to make me blest.
- 2 Let earth and all her charms depart,
 Unworthy of the mind ;
 In God alone this restless heart
 Enduring bliss can find.
- 3 Thy favor, Lord, is all I want ;
 Here would my spirit rest :
 Oh seal the rich, the boundless grant,
 And make me fully blest !

316

Psalm cxxxvii.

S. M.

- Y**OUR harps, ye trembling saints,
 Down from the willows take :
 Loud to the praise of love divine
 Bid every string awake.
- 2 Though in a foreign land,
 We are not far from home ;
 And nearer to our house above
 We every moment come.

- 3 His grace will to the end
Stronger and brighter shine ;
Nor present things, nor things to come,
Shall quench the spark divine.
- 4 When we in darkness walk,
Nor feel the heavenly flame,
Then is the time to trust our God,
And rest upon His name.
- 5 Soon shall our doubts and fears
Subside at His control ;
His loving-kindness shall break through
The midnight of the soul.
- 6 Blest is the man, O Lord,
Who stays himself on Thee ;
Who waits for Thy salvation, Lord,
Shall Thy salvation see.

317

Comfort in God.

C. M.

- DEAR Refuge of my weary soul,
On Thee, when sorrows rise—
On Thee, when waves of trouble roll,
My fainting hope relies.
- 2 To Thee I tell each rising grief,
For Thou alone canst heal ;
Thy word can bring a sweet relief
For every pain I feel.
 - 3 Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face ?
And shall I seek in vain ?
And can the ear of sovereign grace
Be deaf when I complain ?
 - 4 No : still the ear of sovereign grace
Attends the mourner's prayer ;
Oh, may I ever find access
To breathe my sorrows there !

- 5 Thy mercy-seat is open still ;
 Here let my soul retreat,
 With humble hope attend Thy will,
 And wait beneath Thy feet.

318

Trust in God.

P. M., 8, 7.

- GENTLY, Lord! oh gently lead us
 Through this lowly vale of tears—
 Through the changes Thou'st decreed us,
 Till our last great change appears :
 Oh refresh us with Thy blessing—
 Oh refresh us with Thy grace!
 May Thy mercies, never ceasing,
 Fit us for Thy dwelling-place.
- 2 When temptation's darts assail us,
 When in devious paths we stray,
 Let Thy goodness never fail us—
 Lead us in Thy perfect way :
 In the hour of pain and anguish—
 In the hour when death draws near,
 Suffer not our hearts to languish—
 Suffer not our souls to fear.
- 3 When this mortal life is ended,
 Bid us in Thine arms to rest,
 Till by angel bands attended,
 We awake among the blest :
 Oh refresh us with Thy blessing—
 Oh refresh us with Thy grace!
 May Thy mercies, never ceasing,
 Fit us for Thy dwelling-place.

319

Succor.

C. M.

A LAS! what hourly dangers rise,
 What snares beset my way!
 To heaven, oh let me lift mine eyes,
 And hourly watch and pray.

- 2 How oft my mournful thoughts complain,
And melt in flowing tears :
My weak resistance, ah, how vain,
How strong my foes and fears !
- 3 O gracious God, in whom I live,
My feeble efforts aid ;
Help me to watch, and pray, and strive,
Though trembling and afraid.
- 4 Increase my faith, increase my hope,
When foes and fears prevail ;
And bear my fainting spirit up,
Or soon my strength will fail.
- 5 Whene'er temptations fright my heart,
Or lure my feet aside,
My God, Thy powerful aid impart,
My Guardian and my Guide.
- 6 Oh keep me in Thy heavenly way,
And bid the tempter flee ;
And let me never, never stray
From happiness and Thee.

320

Chastisement.

L. M.

- L ORD, unafflicted, undismayed,
In pleasure's path how long I strayed !
But Thou hast made me feel Thy rod,
And turned my soul to Thee, my God.
- 2 What though it pierced my fainting heart,
I bless Thy hand that caused the smart ;
It taught my tears a while to flow,
But saved me from eternal woe.
- 3 Oh hadst Thou left me unchastised,
Thy precepts I had still despised,
And still the snare, in secret laid
Had my unwary feet betrayed.

- 4 I love Thy chastenings, O my God ;
They fix my hopes on Thy abode,
Where, in Thy presence fully blest,
Thy stricken saints for ever rest.

321 *Help Implored.* 10.

A BIDE with me! fast falls the even-
tide,
The darkness deepens—Lord, with me
abide!

When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, oh abide with me!

- 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day—
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass
away ;
Change and decay in all around I see—
O Thou who changest not, abide with me!

- 3 I need Thy presence every passing hour :
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's
power ?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay
can be ?
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

322 *Mourner's Tear.* C. M.

O THOU who driest the mourner's tear,
How dark this world would be,
If, pierced by sins and sorrows here,
We could not fly to Thee!

- 2 But Thou wilt heal that broken heart,
Which, like the plants that throw
Their fragrance from the wounded part,
Breathes sweetness out of woe.

- 3 When joy no longer soothes or cheers,
And even the hope that threw

A moment's sparkle o'er our tears,
Is dimmed and vanished too—

- 4 Oh who could bear life's stormy doom,
Did not Thy wing of love
Come brightly wafting through the gloom
Our peace-branch from above?
- 5 Then sorrow, touched by Thee, grows bright
With more than rapture's ray;
As darkness shows us worlds of light
We never saw by day.

323

Affliction.

C. M.

HEAR, gracious God, my humble moan,
To Thee I breathe my sighs:
When will the mournful night be gone?
When shall my joys arise?

- 2 Yet though my soul in darkness mourns,
Thy promise is my stay;
Here would I rest till light returns,
Thy presence makes my day.
- 3 Come, Lord, and with celestial peace,
Relieve my aching heart;
Oh smile, and bid my sorrows cease,
And all their gloom depart.
- 4 Then shall my drooping spirit rise,
And bless Thy healing rays,
And change these deep complaining sighs
For songs of sacred praise.

324

Cast Down.

P. M., 8, 7, 4.

OH, my soul, what means this sadness?
Wherefore art thou thus cast down?
Let thy griefs be turned to gladness,
Bid thy restless fears be gone;
Look to Jesus,
And rejoice in His dear name.

2 What though Satan's strong temptations
 Vex and grieve thee day by day?
 And thy sinful inclinations
 Often fill thee with dismay?
 Thou shalt conquer,
 Through the Lamb's redeeming blood.

3 Though ten thousand ills beset thee,
 From without and from within,
 Jesus saith He'll ne'er forget thee,
 But will save from hell and sin:
 He is faithful
 To perform His gracious word.

4 Though distresses now attend thee,
 And thou treadst the thorny road,
 His right hand shall still defend thee;
 Soon He'll bring thee home to God!
 Therefore praise Him—
 Praise the great Redeemer's name.

5 Oh that I could now adore Him
 Like the heavenly host above,
 Who for ever bow before Him,
 And unceasing sing His love!
 Happy songsters!
 When shall I your chorus join?

325

River of Life.

L. M.

THERE is a pure and peaceful wave,
 That rolls around the throne of love;
 Whose waters gladden as they lave
 The bright and heavenly shores above.

2 While streams, which on that tide depend,
 Steal from those heavenly shores away,
 And on this desert world descend,
 Over our barren land to stray—

- 3 The pilgrim, faint and near to sink
 Beneath his load of earthly woe,
 Refreshed beneath its verdant brink,
 Rejoices in its gentle flow.
- 4 There, O my soul, do thou repose,
 And hover o'er the hallowed spring,
 To drink the crystal wave, and there
 To lave thy wounded, weary wing.
- 5 It may be that the waft of love
 Some leaves on that pure tide hath driven,
 Which, passing from the shores above,
 Have floated down to us from heaven.
- 6 So shall thy wants and woes be healed
 By the blest influence they bring;
 So thy parched lips shall be unsealed,
 Thy Saviour's worthy name to sing.

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Affliction.

C. M.

WHEN languor and disease invade
 This trembling house of clay,
 'Tis sweet to look beyond my pains,
 And long to fly away.

2 Sweet to look inward, and attend
 The whispers of His love;
 Sweet to look upward to the place
 Where Jesus pleads above.

3 Sweet on His faithfulness to rest,
 Whose love can never end;
 Sweet on His covenant of grace
 For all things to depend.

4 If such the sweetness of the streams,
 What must the fountain be,
 Where saints and angels draw their bliss
 Immediately from Thee!

COMMIT thy way, confiding,
When trials here arise,
To Him whose hand is guiding
The tumult of the skies.
There clouds and tempests, raging,
Have all their paths assigned;
Will God, for thee engaging,
No way of safety find?

2 Trust in the Lord! His favor
Will for thy wants provide,
Regard His word!—and ever
Thy work shall safe abide.
When sorrows here o’ertake thee
And self-inflicted care,
Let not thy God forsake thee!
He listens for thy prayer.

3 Hope on! thou weak believer,
Hope on, and falter not!
He will thy soul deliver
From deeps of troubled thought:
Thy graces He will nourish,
With hope thy heart employ,
Till faith and love shall flourish,
And yield their fruits of joy.

4 The sorrows, Lord, that try us,
Oh bring them to an end!
With needed strength supply us,
From every foe defend!
Let us, till death pursuing
The best—Thy chosen—way,
In heaven our life renewing,
Praise Thee in endless day.

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Affliction Sanctified.

C. M.

WHEN musing sorrow weeps the past,
 And mourns the present pain,
 'Tis sweet to think of peace at last,
 And feel that death is gain.

2 'Tis not that murmuring thoughts arise,
 And dread a Father's will;
 'Tis not that meek submission flies,
 And would not suffer still.

3 It is that heaven-born faith surveys
 The path that leads to light,
 And longs her eagle plumes to raise,
 And lose herself in sight.

4 Oh let me wing my hallowed flight
 From earth-born woe and care,
 And soar above these clouds of night,
 My Saviour's bliss to share!

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Psalm lxxi.

C. M.

IN Thee I put my steadfast trust,
 I Defend me, Lord, from shame:
 Incline Thine ear, and save my soul,
 For righteous is Thy Name.

2 Be Thou my strong abiding-place,
 To which I may resort:
 Thy promise, Lord, is my defence,
 Thou art my rock and fort.

3 My steadfast and unchanging hope
 Shall on Thy power depend;
 And I in grateful songs of praise
 My time to come will spend.

4 Thy righteous acts and saving health
 My mouth shall still declare,

Unable yet to count them all,
Though summed with utmost care.

5 While God vouchsafes me His support,
I'll in His strength go on ;
All other righteousness disclaim,
And mention His alone.

6 Thou, Lord, hast taught me from my youth,
To praise Thy glorious Name :
And ever since Thy wondrous works
Have been my constant theme.

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The Sailor.

P. M., 8, 7.

TOSSED upon life's raging billow,
Sweet it is, O Lord, to know
Thou didst press a sailor's pillow,
And canst feel a sailor's woe.

2 Never slumbering, never sleeping,
Though the night be dark and drear,
Thou the faithful watch art keeping,
All, all's well, Thy constant cheer.

3 And though loud the wind is howling,
Fierce though flash the lightnings red,
Darkly though the storm clouds scowling,
O'er the sailor's anxious head,—

4 Thou canst calm the raging ocean,
All its noise and tumult still,
Hush the tempest's wild commotion,
At the bidding of Thy will.

331

"Save, Lord, or we Perish."

12.

WHEN through the torn sail the wild
tempest is streaming,
When o'er the dark wave the red lightning
is gleaming,

Nor hope lends a ray the poor seaman to
cherish,
We fly to our Maker: "Save, Lord, or we
perish."

2 O Jesus, once rocked on the breast of the
billow,
Aroused by the shriek of despair from thy
pillow,
Now seated in glory the mariner cherish,
Who cries in his anguish, "Save, Lord, or
we perish."

3 And oh! when the whirlwind of passion is
raging,
When sin in our hearts its wild warfare is
waging,
Then send down Thy Spirit, Thy ransomed
to cherish,
Rebuke the destroyer: "Save, Lord, or we
perish."

332 *The Christian's Guiding Star.* P. M., 8, 7, 4.

STAR of peace! to wand'ers weary,
Bright the beams that smile on me;
Cheer the pilot's vision dreary,
Far, far at sea.

2 Star of hope! gleam on the billow,
Bless the soul that sighs for thee;
Bless the sailor's lonely pillow,
Far, far at sea.

3 Star of faith! when winds are mocking
All his toil, he flies to Thee;
Save him, on the billows rocking,
Far, far at sea.

- 4 Star divine! oh safely guide him,—
Bring the wanderer home to Thee!
Sore temptations long have tried him,
Far, far at sea.

333

Traveling.

C. M.

- HOW are Thy servants blest, O Lord,
How sure is their defence!
Eternal wisdom is their guide,
Their help Omnipotence.
- 2 In foreign realms and lands remote,
Supported by Thy care,
Through burning climes I passed unhurt,
And breathed in tainted air.
- 3 Thy mercy sweetened every soil,
Made every region please;
The hoary Alpine hills it warmed,
And smoothed the Tyrrhene seas.
- 4 Think, O my soul, devoutly think,
How with affrighted eyes
Thou sawest the wide-extended deep
In all its horrors rise!
- 5 Confusion dwelt in every face,
And fear in every heart,
When waves on waves and gulfs in gulfs
O'ercame the pilot's art.
- 6 Yet then from all my griefs, O Lord,
Thy mercy set me free,
While, in the confidence of prayer,
My heart took hold on Thee.
- 7 For though in dreadful whirls we hung,
High on the broken wave,
I knew Thou wert not slow to hear,
Nor impotent to save.

- 8 The storm was laid, the winds retired,
 Obedient to Thy will;
 The sea that roared at Thy command,
 At Thy command was still.
- 9 In midst of dangers, fears and deaths,
 Thy goodness I'll adore,
 And praise Thee for Thy mercies past,
 And humbly hope for more.

334

Welcome the Cross.

P. M., 7.

- 'TIS my happiness below
 Not to live without the cross;
 But the Saviour's power to know,
 Sanctifying every loss.
- 2 Trials must and will befall;
 But with humble faith to see
 Love inscribed upon them all,
 This is happiness to me.
- 3 Did I meet no trials here,
 No chastisement by the way,
 Might I not with reason fear
 I should be a castaway?
- 4 Trials make the promise sweet;
 Trials give new life to prayer;
 Bring me to my Saviour's feet,
 Lay me low, and keep me there.

SUBMISSION TO THE WILL OF GOD.

335

Submission.

L. M.

BE still, my heart! these anxious cares
 To thee are burdens, thorns and snares;
 They cast dishonor on the Lord,
 And contradict His gracious word.

- 2 Brought safely by His hand thus far,
Why wilt thou now give place to fear?
How canst thou want if He provide,
Or lose thy way with such a guide?
- 3 When first before His mercy-seat
Thou didst to Him thy all commit,
He gave thee warrant from that hour,
To trust His wisdom, love and power.
- 4 Did ever trouble yet befall,
And He refuse to hear thy call?
And has He not His promise passed,
That thou shalt overcome at last?
- 5 Though rough and thorny be the road,
It leads thee home, apace, to God;
Then count thy present trials small,
For heaven will make amends for all.

336

"Thy Will be Done."

L. M.

THY will be done! I will not fear
The fate provided by Thy love;
Though clouds and darkness shroud me here,
I know that all is bright above.

- 2 The stars of heaven are shining on,
Though these frail eyes are dimmed with
tears;
The hopes of earth indeed are gone,
But are not ours th' immortal years?
- 3 Father! forgive the heart that clings,
Thus trembling, to the things of time;
And bid my soul, on angel wings,
Ascend into a purer clime.
- 4 There shall no doubts disturb its trust,
No sorrows dim celestial love;

But these afflictions of the dust,
Like shadows of the night, remove.

- 5 Even now, above, there's radiant day,
While clouds and darkness brood below ;
Then, Father, joyful on my way
To drink the bitter cup I go.

337

Safety in God.

L. M.

COURAGE, my soul ! while God is near,
What enemy hast thou to fear ?
How canst thou want a sure defence,
Whose refuge is Omnipotence ?

- 2 Though thickest dangers crowd my way
My God can chase my fears away ;
My steadfast heart on Him relies,
And all those dangers still defies.
- 3 Though billows after billows roll
To overwhelm my sinking soul,
Firm as a rock my faith shall stand,
Upheld by God's almighty hand.
- 4 In life, His presence is my aid ;
In death, 'twill guide me through the shade,
Chase all my rising fears away,
And turn my darkness into day.

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Holy Fortitude.

C. M.

A M I a soldier of the cross,
A follower of the Lamb ?
And shall I fear to own His cause,
Or blush to speak His name ?

- 2 Must I be carried to the skies
On flowery beds of ease,
While others fought to win the prize,
And sailed through bloody seas ?

- 3 Are there no foes for me to face?
 Must I not stem the flood?
 Is this vile world a friend to grace,
 To help me on to God?
- 4 Sure I must fight, if I would reign;
 Increase my courage, Lord!
 I'll bear the toil, endure the pain,
 Supported by Thy word.
- 5 Thy saints in all this glorious war,
 Shall conquer, though they die;
 They see the triumph from afar
 With faith's discerning eye.
- 6 When that illustrious day shall rise,
 And all Thine armies shine
 In robes of victory through the skies,
 The glory shall be Thine.

STEADFAST AND ABOUNDING IN GRACE.

339

Not Ashamed of Christ.

L. M.

- JESUS, and shall it ever be,
 A mortal man ashamed of Thee—
 Ashamed of Thee, whom angels praise,
 Whose glories shine through endless days?
- 2 Ashamed of Jesus! sooner far
 Let night disown each radiant star;
 'Tis midnight with my soul till He,
 Bright Morning Star, bids darkness flee.
- 3 Ashamed of Jesus! oh, as soon
 Let morning blush to own the sun;
 He sheds the light of light divine
 O'er this benighted soul of mine.

4 Ashamed of Jesus, that dear Friend,
On whom my hopes of heaven depend!
No; when I blush, be this my shame,
That I no more revere His name.

5 Ashamed of Jesus! empty pride;
I'll boast a Saviour crucified;
And oh may this my portion be,
My Saviour not ashamed of me.

340 *The Stronghold.* L. M.

NO change of time shall ever shock
My firm affection, Lord, to Thee;
For Thou hast always been my rock,
A fortress and defence to me.

2 Thou my deliverer art, my God;
My trust is in Thy mighty power:
Thou art my shield from foes abroad,
At home my safeguard and my tower.

3 To Thee I will address my prayer,
To whom all praise we justly owe;
So shall I, by Thy watchful care,
Be guarded safe from every foe.

341 *The Christian Race.* C. M.

A WAKE, my soul! stretch every nerve.
And press with vigor on;
A heavenly race demands thy zeal,
And an immortal crown.

2 A cloud of witnesses around
Hold thee in full survey;
Forget the steps already trod,
And onward urge thy way.

3 'Tis God's all-animating voice
That calls thee from on high:

'Tis His own hand presents the prize
To thine uplifted eye,—

- 4 That prize, with peerless glories bright,
Which shall new lustre boast,
When victors' wreaths and monarchs' gems
Shall blend in common dust.

THOU art my portion, O my God!
Soon as I know Thy way,
My heart makes haste t' obey Thy word,
And suffers no delay.

- 2 I choose the path of heavenly truth,
And glory in my choice;
Not all the riches of the earth
Could make me so rejoice.

- 3 The testimonies of Thy grace
I set before mine eyes;
Thence I derive my daily strength,
And there my comfort lies.

- 4 Whene'er I wander from Thy path,
I think upon my ways;
Then turn my feet to Thy commands,
And trust Thy pardoning grace.

- 5 Now I am Thine, for ever Thine:
Oh save Thy servant, Lord!
Thou art my shield, my hiding-place;
My hope is in Thy word.

- 6 Thou hast inclined this heart of mine
Thy statutes to fulfill;
And thus till mortal life shall end
Would I perform Thy will.

343

Watchfulness.

S. M.

YE servants of the Lord,
Each in his office wait,
Observant of His heavenly word,
And watchful at His gate.

2 Let all your lamps be bright,
And trim the golden flame;
Gird up your loins, as in His sight,
For awful is His name.

3 Watch! 'tis your Lord's command,
And while we speak He's near;
Mark the first signal of His hand,
And ready all appear.

4 Oh happy servant he
In such a posture found!
He shall his Lord with rapture see,
And be with honor crowned,

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The Christian Race.

L. M.

A WAKE, our souls, away, our fears,
Let every trembling thought be gone;
Awake, and run the heavenly race,
And put a cheerful courage on.

2 True, 'tis a strait and thorny road,
And mortal spirits tire and faint;
But they forget the mighty God,
Who feeds the strength of every saint.

3 The mighty God, whose matchless power
Is ever new, and ever young,
Shall firm endure while endless years
Their everlasting circles run.

4 From Thee, the ever-flowing spring,
Our souls shall drink a fresh supply;

While such as trust their native strength
Shall melt away, and droop, and die.

- 5 Swift as an eagle cuts the air,
We'll mount aloft to Thine abode;
On wings of love our souls shall fly,
Nor tire amid the heavenly road.

345 *The Soldier of Christ.* S. M.

SOLDIERS of Christ, arise,
And gird your armor on,
Strong in the strength which God supplies
Through His eternal Son.

- 2 Strong in the Lord of hosts,
And in His mighty power,
The man who in the Saviour trusts
Is more than conqueror.

- 3 Stand, then, in His great might,
With all His strength endued,
And take, to arm you for the fight,
The panoply of God—

- 4 That, having all things done,
And all your conflicts past,
You may o'ercome through Christ alone,
And stand complete at last.

- 5 From strength to strength go on;
Wrestle, and fight, and pray;
Tread all the powers of darkness down,
And win the well-fought day.

- 6 Still let the Spirit cry,
In all His soldiers, "Come,"
Till Christ the Lord descends from high,
And takes the conquerors home.

346

Watchfulness.

S. M.

MY soul, be on thy guard;
Ten thousand foes arise;
The hosts of sin are pressing hard
To draw Thee from the skies.

- 2 Oh watch, and fight, and pray;
The battle ne'er give o'er;
Renew it boldly every day,
And help divine implore.
- 3 Ne'er think the victory won,
Nor lay thine armor down:
Thine arduous work will not be done
Till thou obtain thy crown.
- 4 Fight on, my soul, till death
Shall bring thee to thy God;
He'll take thee, at thy parting breath,
To His divine abode.

THIRSTING AFTER GOD.

347

Faith.

P. M., 7.

ROCK of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy side, a healing flood,
Be of sin the double cure—
Save from wrath, and make me pure.

- 2 Should my tears for ever flow,
Should my zeal no languor know,
This for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone;
In my hand no price I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling.

- 3 While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyelids close in death,
When I rise to worlds unknown,
And behold Thee on Thy throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

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Refuge.

P. M., 7.

- JESUS, Saviour of my soul,
Let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the waves of trouble roll—
While the tempest still is high :
Hide me, O my Saviour ! hide,
Till the storm of life is past ;
Safe into the haven guide :
Oh receive my soul at last !
- 2 Other refuge have I none—
Helpless clings my soul to Thee :
Leave, oh ! leave me not alone,
Still support and comfort me :
All my trust on Thee is stayed,
All my help from Thee I bring ;
Cover my defenceless head
With the shadow of Thy wing.

349

Walking with God.

C. M.

- O H for a closer walk with God—
A calm and heavenly frame,
And light to shine upon the road
That leads me to the Lamb !
- 2 Where is the blessedness I knew
When first I saw the Lord ?
Where is the soul-refreshing view
Of Jesus and His word ?
- 3 What peaceful hours I once enjoyed !
How sweet their memory still !

But they have left an aching void
The world can never fill.

4 Return, O holy Dove ! return,
Sweet messenger of rest ;
I hate the sins that made Thee mourn,
And drove Thee from my breast.

5 The dearest idol I have known,
Whate'er that idol be,
Help me to tear it from Thy throne,
And worship only Thee.

6 So shall my walk be close with God,
Calm and serene my frame ;
And purer light shall mark the road
That leads me to the Lamb.

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Pleading with God.

C. M.

O H that I knew the secret place
Where I might find my God !
I'd spread my wants before His face,
And pour my woes abroad.

2 I'd tell Him how my sins arise,
What sorrows I sustain ;
How grace decays and comfort dies,
And leaves my heart in pain.

3 He knows what arguments I'd take
To wrestle with my God :
I'd plead for His own mercy's sake—
I'd plead my Saviour's blood.

4 My God will pity my complaints,
And drive my foes away ;
He knows the meaning of His saints
When they in sorrow pray.

- 5 Arise, my soul! from deep distress,
 And banish every fear;
 He calls thee to His throne of grace,
 To spread thy sorrows there.

351

Good Works.

L. M.

- SO let our lips and lives express
 The holy gospel we profess;
 So let our works and virtues shine,
 To prove the doctrine all divine!
- 2 Thus shall we best proclaim abroad
 The honors of our Saviour God,
 When the salvation reigns within,
 And grace subdues the power of sin.
- 3 Our flesh and sense must be denied,
 Passion and envy, lust and pride;
 While justice, temperance, truth and love
 Our inward piety approve.
- 4 Religion bears our spirits up,
 Whilst we expect that blessed hope,
 The bright appearance of the Lord,
 And faith stands leaning on His word.

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Nearer to Thee.

6, 4.

- NEARER, my God, to Thee,
 Nearer to Thee!
 E'en though it be a cross
 That raiseth me;
 Still all my song shall be,
 Nearer, my God, to Thee,—
 Nearer to Thee!
- 2 Though, like the wanderer,
 The sun gone down,
 Darkness be over me,
 My rest a stone;

Yet in my dreams I'd be
Nearer, my God, to Thee,—
Nearer to Thee!

3 There let the way appear
Steps unto heaven;
All that Thou sendest me,
In mercy given;
Angels to beckon me
Nearer, my God, to Thee,—
Nearer to Thee!

4 Then with my waking thoughts,
Bright with Thy praise,
Out of my stony griefs,
Bethel I'll raise;
So by my woes to be
Nearer, my God, to Thee,—
Nearer to Thee!

5 Or if on joyful wing,
Cleaving the sky,
Sun, moon and stars forgot,
Upward I fly,
Still all my song shall be,
Nearer, my God, to Thee,—
Nearer to Thee.

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Psalm xlii.

C. M.

AS pants the hart for cooling streams
When heated in the chase;
So longs my soul, O God, for Thee,
And Thy refreshing grace.

2 For Thee, my God, the living God,
My thirsty soul doth pine;
Oh when shall I behold Thy face,
Thou Majesty divine?

- 3 Why restless, why cast down, my soul?
 Trust God; and He'll employ
 His aid for thee, and change these sighs
 To thankful hymns of joy.
- 4 Why restless, why cast down, my soul?
 Hope still; and thou shalt sing
 The praise of Him who is thy God,
 Thy health's eternal spring.

LUKEWARM AND BACKSLIDING.

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Psalm vi.

S. M.

- I**N mercy, not in wrath,
 Rebuke me, gracious God!
 Lest, if Thy whole displeasure rise
 I sink beneath Thy rod.
- 2 Touched by Thy quickening power,
 My load of guilt I feel;
 The wounds Thy Spirit hath unclosed
 Oh let that Spirit heal.
- 3 In trouble and in gloom
 Must I for ever mourn?
 And wilt Thou not, at length, O God,
 In pitying love return?
- 4 Oh come, ere life expire,
 Send down Thy power to save;
 For who shall sing Thy Name in death,
 Or praise Thee in the grave?
- 5 Why should I doubt Thy grace,
 Or yield to dread despair?
 Thou wilt fulfill Thy promised word,
 And grant me all my prayer.

355 *Hardness of Heart Lamented.* L. M.

OH for a glance of heavenly day,
To take this stubborn heart away,
And thaw with beams of love divine
This heart, this frozen heart of mine!

2 The rocks can rend; the earth can quake;
The seas can roar; the mountains shake;
Of feeling all things show some sign,
But this unfeeling heart of mine.

3 To hear the sorrows Thou hast felt,
O Lord, an adamant might melt;
But I can read each moving line,
And nothing moves this heart of mine.

4 Thy judgments too, which devils fear
(Amazing thought!), unmoved I hear;
Goodness and wrath in vain combine
To stir this stupid heart of mine.

5 Eternal Spirit! mighty God!
Apply to me the Saviour's blood;
'Tis His rich blood, and His alone,
Can move and melt this heart of stone.

356 *Pardon.* C. M.

HOW oft, alas! this wretched heart
Has wandered from the Lord!
How oft my roving thoughts depart,
Forgetful of His word!

2 Yet sovereign mercy calls, "Return;"
Dear Lord, and may I come?
My vile ingratitude I mourn;
Oh take the wanderer home.

3 And canst Thou, wilt Thou yet forgive
And bid my crimes remove?

- And shall a pardoned rebel live
To speak Thy wondrous love?
- 4 Almighty grace, Thy healing power,
How glorious, how divine,
That can to life and bliss restore
So vile a heart as mine!
- 5 Thy pardoning love, so free, so sweet,
Dear Saviour, I adore:
Oh keep me at Thy sacred feet,
And let me rove no more.

- SWEET was the time when first I felt
The Saviour's pardoning blood,
Applied to cleanse my soul from guilt,
And bring me home to God.
- 2 Soon as the morn the light revealed,
His praises tuned my tongue;
And when the evening shades prevailed
His love was all my song.
- 3 In prayer my soul drew near the Lord,
And saw His glory shine;
And when I read His holy word,
I called each promise mine.
- 4 Now when the evening shade prevails,
My soul in darkness mourns;
And when the morn the light reveals,
No light to me returns.
- 5 Now Satan threatens to prevail,
And make my soul his prey;
Yet, Lord, Thy mercies cannot fail;
Oh come without delay!

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Prayer for Holiness.

C. M.

OH for a heart to praise my God!—
A heart from sin set free,
A heart that's sprinkled with the blood
So freely shed for me,—

2 A heart resigned, submissive, meek—
My dear Redeemer's throne,
Where only Christ is heard to speak,
Where Jesus reigns alone.

3 Oh for a lowly, contrite heart,
Believing, true and clean;
Which neither life nor death can part
From Him that dwells within!

4 A heart in every thought renewed,
And full of love divine;
Perfect and right and pure and good—
A copy, Lord, of Thine.

5 Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart;
Come quickly from above;
Write Thy new name upon my heart,
Thy new, best name of Love.

359

Backslider Returning.

L. M.

STAY, thou insulted Spirit! stay,
Though I have done Thee such despise;
Nor cast the sinner quite away,
Nor take Thine everlasting flight.

2 Though I have steeled my stubborn heart,
And oft shook off my guilty fears;
And vexed and urged Thee to depart,
For many long rebellious years,—

3 Though I have most unfaithful been
Of all who e'er Thy grace received,

Ten thousand times Thy goodness seen,
 Ten thousand times Thy goodness grieved.

4 Yet oh ! the chief of sinners spare
 In honor of my great High Priest :
 Nor in Thy righteous anger swear
 T' exclude me from Thy people's rest.

5 This only woe I deprecate,
 This only plague I pray remove,
 Nor leave me in my lost estate,
 Nor curse me with this want of love.

6 E'en now my weary soul release,
 Upraise me with Thy gracious hand,
 And guide me into Thy perfect peace,
 And bring me to the promised land.

360

Prayer for Mercy.

S. M.

O THOU, whose mercy hears
 Contrition's humble sigh ;
 Whose hand, indulgent, wipes the tears
 From sorrow's weeping eye !—

2 See ! at Thy throne of grace,
 A wretched wanderer mourn ;
 Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face ?
 Hast Thou not said, Return ?

3 Absent from Thee, my light,
 Without one cheering ray,
 Through dangers, fears and gloomy night,
 How desolate my way !

4 Oh shine upon my heart,
 With beams of mercy shine ;
 And let Thy healing voice impart
 A taste of joys divine.

REJOICING IN DELIVERANCE.

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Psalm lxii.

L. M.

A WAKE, my soul, in joyful lays,
And sing thy great Redeemer's praise;
He justly claims a song from me;
His loving-kindness, oh how free!

2 He saw me ruined in the fall,
Yet loved me notwithstanding all;
He saved me from my lost estate;
His loving-kindness, oh how great!

3 Though numerous hosts of mighty foes,
Though earth and hell my way oppose,
He safely leads my soul along;
His loving-kindness, oh how strong!

4 When trouble, like a gloomy cloud,
Has gathered thick and thundered loud,
He near my soul has always stood;
His loving-kindness, oh how good!

5 Often I feel my sinful heart
Prone from my Jesus to depart;
But though I have Him oft forgot,
His loving-kindness changes not.

6 Soon shall I pass the gloomy vale,
Soon all my mortal powers must fail;
Oh may my last expiring breath
His loving-kindness sing in death.

7 Then let me mount and soar away
To the bright world of endless day;
And sing with raptures and surprise,
His loving-kindness in the skies.

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Rejoicing.

P. M., 8, 7.

SAVIOUR, source of every blessing,
 STUNE my hearts to grateful lays;
 Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
 Call for ceaseless songs of praise.

2 Teach me some melodious measure,
 Sung by raptured saints above;
 Fill my soul with sacred pleasure,
 While I sing redeeming love.

3 Thou didst seek me when a stranger,
 Wandering from the fold of God;
 Thou, to save my soul from danger,
 Didst redeem me with Thy blood.

4 By Thy hand restored, defended,
 Safe through life thus far I've come;
 Safe, O Lord, when life is ended,
 Bring me to my heavenly home.

IN PROSPECT OF HEAVEN.

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Heaven.

L. M.

FROM this world's joys and senseless
 mirth,

Oh come, my soul! in haste retire;
 Assume the grandeur of thy birth,
 And to thy native heaven aspire.

2 'Tis heaven alone can make thee blest,
 Can every wish and want supply;
 Thy joy, thy crown, thy endless rest,
 Are all above the lofty sky.

3 Eternal mansions! bright array!
 O blest exchange! transporting thought!
 Free from th' approaches of decay
 Or the least shadow of a spot.

- 4 There shall mortality no more
 Its wide-extended empire boast ;
 Forgotten all its dreadful power,
 In life's unbounded ocean lost.
- 5 There dwells the sovereign Lord of all,
 The God that all the worlds adore ;
 With whom is bliss that cannot pall,
 And joys that last for evermore.

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Bliss of Heaven.

C. M.

- YE golden lamps of heaven, farewell,
 With all your feeble light ;
 Farewell, thou ever-changing moon,
 Pale empress of the night.
- 2 And thou, refulgent orb of day,
 In brighter flames arrayed,
 My soul, that springs beyond thy sphere,
 No more demands thy aid.
- 3 Ye stars are but the shining dust
 Of my divine abode—
 The pavement of those heavenly courts,
 Where I shall see my God.
- 4 The Father of eternal light
 Shall there His beams display ;
 Nor shall one moment's darkness mix
 With that unvaried day.
- 5 No more the drops of piercing grief
 Shall swell into my eyes ;
 No more the noon-day sun decline,
 Amid those brighter skies.
- 6 There all the millions of His saints
 Shall in one song unite ;
 And each the bliss of all shall share,
 With infinite delight.

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"Let me go."

P. M., 8, 7.

LET me go, the day is breaking,
Dear companions, let me go;
We have spent a night of waking
In the wilderness below;
Upward now I bend my way;
Part we here at break of day,

2 Let me go; I may not tarry
Wrestling thus with doubts and fears;
Angels wait, my soul to carry
Where my risen Lord appears;
Friends and kindred, weep not so;
If ye love me, let me go.

3 We have traveled long together,
Hand in hand, and heart in heart,
Both through fair and stormy weather—
And 'tis hard—'tis hard to part:
While I sigh "Farewell" to you,
Answer, one and all, "Adieu."

4 'Tis not darkness gathering round me
That withdraws me from your sight;
Walls of flesh no more can bound me;
But, translated into light,
Like the lark on mounting wing,
Though unseen, you hear me sing.

5 Heaven's broad day hath o'er me broken
Far beyond earth's span of sky:
Am I dead? Nay, by this token
Know that I have ceased to die:
Would you solve the mystery?
Come up hither—come and see.

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Dying Saint.

P. M., 7.

VITAL spark of heavenly flame!
Quit, oh quit this mortal frame!
Trembling, hoping, lingering, flying,
Oh the pain—the bliss of dying!

Cease, fond nature! cease thy strife,
And let me languish into life!

- 2 Hark, they whisper—angels say,
“Sister spirit, come away!”
What is this absorbs me quite,
Steals my senses, shuts my sight,
Drowns my spirit, draws my breath?
Tell me, my soul—can this be death?
- 3 The world recedes!—it disappears!
Heaven opens on my eyes!—my ears
With sounds seraphic ring!
Lend, lend your wings! I mount! I fly!
O grave! where is thy victory?
O death! where is thy sting?

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The Prospect.

L. M.

AS when the weary traveler gains
The height of some commanding hill,
His heart revives, if o'er the plains
He sees his home, though distant still—

- 2 So, when the Christian pilgrim views
By faith his mansion in the skies,
The sight his fainting strength renews,
And wings his speed to reach the prize.
- 3 The hope of heaven his spirit cheers;
No more he grieves for sorrows past;
Nor any future conflict fears,
So he may safe arrive at last.
- 4 O Lord, on Thee our hopes we stay,
To lead us on to Thine abode;
Assured Thy love will far o'erpay
The hardest labors of the road.

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Heavenly City.

L. M.

“WE’VE no abiding city here :”
This may distress the worldly mind ;
But should not cost a saint a tear,
Who hopes a better rest to find.

2 “We’ve no abiding city here :”
Sad truth, were this to be our home ;
But let this thought our spirits cheer,
“We seek a city yet to come.”

3 “We’ve no abiding city here :”
Then let us live as pilgrims do ;
Let not the world our rest appear ;
But let us haste from all below.

4 “We’ve no abiding city here,”
We seek a city out of sight :
Zion its name—the Lord is there,
It shines with everlasting light.

5 O sweet abode of peace and love,
Where pilgrims freed from toil are blest !
Had I the pinions of the dove,
I’d flee to thee, and be at rest.

6 But hush, my soul, nor dare repine !
The time my God appoints is best :
While here to do His will be mine ;
And His to fix my time of rest.

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Following Christ.

L. M.

JESUS, my all, to heaven is gone.
He whom I placed my hopes upon ;
His track I see—and I’ll pursue
The narrow way, till Him I view—

- 2 The way the holy prophets went,
The road that leads from banishment;
The King's highway of holiness;
I'll go, for all His paths are peace.
- 3 This is the way I long have sought,
And mourned because I found it not;
My grief and burden long have been,
Because I could not cease from sin.
- 4 The more I strove against its power,
I sinned and stumbled but the more;
Till late I heard my Saviour say,
"Come hither, soul, for I'm the way."
- 5 Lo, glad I come, and Thou, dear Lamb,
Shalt take me to Thee as I am:
Nothing but sin I Thee can give,
Nothing but love do I receive.
- 6 I'll tell to all poor sinners round,
What a dear Saviour I have found;
I'll point to Thy redeeming blood,
And say, "Behold the way to God."

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The Better Land.

C. P. M.

HOW happy is the pilgrim's lot,
How free from every anxious thought,
From worldly hope and fear!
Confined to neither court nor cell,
His soul disdains on earth to dwell,
He only sojourns here.

- 2 This happiness in part is mine;
Already saved from low design,
From every creature love;
Blessed with the scorn of finite good—
My soul is lightened of its load,
And seeks the things above.

- 3 Though I no foot of land possess,
 Nor cottage in this wilderness,
 A poor wayfaring man :
 I lodge a while in tents below,
 Or gladly wander to and fro
 Till I my Canaan gain.
- 4 Nothing on earth I call my own ;
 A stranger to the world unknown,
 I all their goods despise :
 I trample on their whole delight,
 And seek a city out of sight—
 A city in the skies.
- 5 There is my house and portion fair,
 My treasure and my heart are there,
 And my abiding home ;
 For me my elder brethren stay,
 And angels beckon me away,
 And Jesus bids me come !
- 6 I come, Thy servant, Lord, replies,
 I come, to meet Thee in the skies,
 And claim my heavenly rest !
 Now let the pilgrim's journey end ;
 Now, O my Saviour, Brother, Friend,
 Receive me to Thy breast !

- ON Jordan's stormy banks I stand,
 And cast a wishful eye
 To Canaan's fair and happy land,
 Where my possessions lie.
- 2 Oh the transporting, rapturous scene,
 That rises to my sight !
 Sweet fields arrayed in living green,
 And rivers of delight !

- 3 There generous fruits, that never fail,
On trees immortal grow ;
There rocks and hills, and brooks and vales
With milk and honey flow.
- 4 All o'er those wide-extended plains
Shines one eternal day ;
There God the Son for ever reigns,
And scatters night away.
- 5 No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore ;
Sickness and sorrow, pain and death,
Are felt and feared no more.
- 6 When shall I reach that happy place,
And be for ever blest ?
When shall I see my Father's face,
And in His bosom rest ?
- 7 Filled with delight, my raptured soul
Would here no longer stay ;
Though Jordan's waves around me roll,
Fearless I'd launch away.

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Desiring to Depart.

L. M.

WHILE on the verge of life I stand,
And view the scene on either hand,
My spirit struggles with my clay,
And longs to wing its flight away.

- 2 Where Jesus dwells my soul would be,
And faints my much-loved Lord to see :
Earth, twine no more about my heart !
For 'tis far better to depart.
- 3 Come, ye angelic envoys ! come,
And lead the willing pilgrim home ;
Ye know the way to Jesus' throne—
Source of my joys, and of your own.

- 4 That blissful interview, how sweet!
 To fall transported at His feet!
 Raised in His arms, to view His face,
 Through the full beamings of His grace!
- 5 As with a seraph's voice to sing!
 To fly as on a cherub's wing!
 Performing, with unwearied hands,
 The present Saviour's high commands.
- 6 Yet, with these prospects full in sight,
 We'll wait Thy signal for the flight;
 For, while Thy service we pursue,
 We find a heaven in all we do.

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Saints' Sweet Home. P. M., 11, 5.

- 'MID scenes of confusion and creature complaints,
 How sweet to my soul is communion with saints!
 To find at the banquet of mercy there's room,
 And feel in the presence of Jesus at home!
 Home! home! sweet, sweet home!
 Prepare me, dear Saviour, for glory, my home.
- 2 Sweet bonds, that unite all the children of peace!
 And thrice precious Jesus, whose love cannot cease!
 Though oft from Thy presence in sadness I roam,
 I long to behold Thee, in glory at home.
 Home, &c.
- 3 I sigh from this body of sin to be free,
 Which hinders my joy and communion with Thee;

Though now my temptations like billows
 may foam,
 All all will be peace, when I'm with Thee
 at home.
 Home, &c.

4 While here in the valley of conflict I stay,
 Oh give me submission and strength as my
 day;
 In all my afflictions to Thee would I come,
 Rejoicing in hope of my glorious home.
 Home, &c.

5 Whate'er Thou deniest, oh give me Thy
 grace,
 The Spirit's sure witness, and smiles of Thy
 face;
 Indulge me with patience to wait at Thy
 throne,
 And find even now a sweet foretaste of
 home.
 Home, &c.

6 I long, dearest Lord, in Thy beauties to
 shine,
 No more as an exile in sorrow to pine,
 And in Thy dear image arise from the
 tomb,
 With glorified millions to praise Thee at
 home.
 Home, etc.

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The Christian's Joy.

P. M., 10.

JOYFULLY, joyfully onward I move,
 Bound to the land of bright spirits above;
 Angelic choristers, sing as I come—
 Joyfully, joyfully haste to thy home!

Soon with my pilgrimage ended below,
 Home to the land of bright spirits I go;
 Pilgrim and stranger no more shall I roam:
 Joyfully, joyfully resting at home.

2 Friends, fondly cherished, have passed on
 before;
 Waiting, they watch me approaching the
 shore;
 Singing, to cheer me through death's chill-
 ing gloom:
 Joyfully, joyfully haste to thy home.
 Sounds of sweet melody fall on my ear
 Harps of the blessed, your voices I hear!
 Rings with the harmony heaven's high
 dome—
 Joyfully, joyfully haste to thy home.

3 Death, with thy weapons of war lay me low,
 Strike, king of terrors! I fear not the blow;
 Jesus hath broken the bars of the tomb!
 Joyfully, joyfully will I go home.
 Bright will the morn of eternity dawn,
 Death shall be banished, his sceptre be gone;
 Joyfully, then, shall I witness his doom,
 Joyfully, joyfully, safely at home.

THE leaves around me falling
 Are preaching of decay;
 The hollow winds are calling,
 “Come, pilgrim, come away!”
 The day in night declining
 Says I, too, must decline;
 The year its bloom resigning—
 Its lot foreshadows mine!

- 2 The light my path surrounding,
 The loves to which I cling,
 The hopes within me bounding,
 The joys that round me wing—
 All, all, like stars at even,
 Just gleam and shoot away,
 Pass on before to heaven,
 And chide at my delay.
- 3 The friends gone there before me,
 Are calling from on high,
 And happy angels o'er me
 Tempt sweetly to the sky;
 "Why wait," they say, "and wither,
 'Mid scenes of death and sin?
 Oh rise to glory hither,
 And find true life begin!"
- 4 I hear the invitation,
 And fain would rise and come,
 A sinner to salvation,
 An exile to his home;
 And while I here must linger,
 Thus, thus, let all I see
 Point on with faithful finger
 To heaven, O Lord, and Thee!

BLESSEDNESS OF THE RIGHTEOUS.

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Psalm i.

S. M.

THE man is ever blest
 Who shuns the sinners' ways;
 Amongst their councils never stands,
 Nor takes the scorner's place.

- 2 But makes the law of God
 His study and delight,
 Amidst the labors of the day
 And watches of the night.

- 3 He like a tree shall thrive,
 With waters near the root;
 Fresh as the leaf, His name shall live;
 His works are heavenly fruit.
- 4 Not so th' ungodly race,
 They no such blessings find;
 Their hopes shall flee like empty chaff
 Before the driving wind.
- 5 How will they bear to stand
 Before that judgment-seat,
 Where all the saints at Christ's right hand
 In full assembly meet?
- 6 He knows and He approves
 The way the righteous go:
 But sinners and their works shall meet
 A dreadful overthrow.

- WHEN gloomy thoughts and fears
 The trembling heart invade,
 And all the face of nature wears
 A universal shade—
- 2 Religion can assuage
 The tempest of the soul;
 And every fear shall lose its rage
 At her divine control.
- 3 Through life's bewildered way
 Her hand unerring leads;
 And o'er the path her heavenly ray
 A cheering lustre sheds.
- 4 When reason, tired and blind,
 Sinks helpless and afraid,
 Thou blest supporter of the mind,
 How powerful is thine aid!

- 5 Oh let me feel thy power,
And find thy sweet relief,
To brighten every gloomy hour,
And soften every grief.

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The Happy Soul.

C. M.

OH happy soul that lives on high
While men lie groveling here,
His hopes are fixed above the sky,
And faith forbids his fear.

- 2 His conscience knows no secret stings,
While grace and joy combine
To form a life, whose holy springs
Are hidden and divine.

- 3 He waits in secret on his God;
His God in secret sees:
Let earth be all in arms abroad,
He dwells in heavenly peace.

- 4 His pleasures rise from things unseen,
Beyond this world and time,
Where neither eyes nor ears have been,
Nor thoughts of mortals climb.

- 5 He looks to heaven's eternal hill,
To meet that glorious day,
When Christ His promise shall fulfill
And call his soul away.

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"It shall be well with him."

S. M.

WHAT cheering words are these?
Their sweetness who can tell?
In time, and to eternal days,
" 'Tis with the righteous well."

- 2 In every state secure,
Kept as Jehovah's eye,

'Tis well with them while life endures,
And well when called to die :

3 Well, when they see His face,
Or sink amid the flood ;
Well, in affliction's thorny maze,
Or on the mount with God.

4 'Tis well, when joys arise ;
'Tis well, when sorrows flow ;
'Tis well, when darkness veils the skies,
And strong temptations grow.

5 'Tis well, when Jesus calls,
“ From earth and sin arise,
To join the hosts of ransomed souls,
Made to salvation wise !”

HAPPY the man whose wishes climb
To mansions in the skies !
He looks on all the joys of time
With undesiring eyes.

2 In vain soft pleasure spreads her charms,
And throws her silken chain ;
And wealth and fame invite his arms,
And tempt his ear in vain.

3 He knows that all these glittering things
Must yield to sure decay ;
And sees on time's extended wings
How swift they flee away !

4 To things unseen by mortal eyes,
A beam of sacred light
Directs his view ; his prospects rise
All permanent and bright.

- 5 His hopes are fixed on joys to come :
 Those blissful scenes on high
 Shall flourish in immortal bloom,
 When time and nature die.

IN RELATION TO THE CHURCH.

CONSECRATION.

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The Corner-Stone.

H. M.

- CHRIST is our Corner-stone ;
 On Him alone we build ;
 With His true saints alone
 The courts of heaven are filled :
 On His great love | Of present grace
 Our hopes we place, | And joys above.
- 2 Oh, then, with hymns of praise
 These hallowed courts shall ring !
 Our voices we will raise,
 The Three in One to sing ;
 And thus proclaim | Both loud and long,
 In joyful song, | That glorious Name.
- 3 Here, gracious God, do Thou
 For evermore draw nigh ;
 Accept each faithful vow,
 And mark each suppliant sigh :
 In copious shower, | Each holy day,
 On all who pray, | Thy blessings pour.
- 4 Here may we gain from heaven
 The grace which we implore,
 And may that grace, once given,
 Be with us evermore,—
 Until that day | To endless rest
 When all the blest | Are called away.

DEDICATION.

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Blessing Implored.

L. M.

HERE, in Thy name, eternal God,
We build this earthly house for Thee;
Oh choose it for Thy fixed abode,
And guard it from all error free.

2 Here, when Thy people seek Thy face,
And dying sinners pray to live,
Hear Thou in heaven, Thy dwelling-place,
And when Thou hearest, Lord, forgive.

3 Here, when Thy messengers proclaim
The blessed gospel of Thy Son,
Still by the power of His great name
Be mighty signs and wonders done.

4 When children's voices raise the song,
Hosanna to their heavenly King,
Let heaven, with earth, the strain prolong;
Hosanna! let the angels sing.

5 But will, indeed, Jehovah deign
Here to abide, no transient guest?
Here will our great Redeemer reign,
And here the Holy Spirit rest?

6 Thy glory never hence depart;
Yet choose not, Lord, this house alone;
Thy kingdom come to every heart;
In every bosom fix Thy throne.

CHURCH OFFICERS.

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At a Choice of Church Officers.

L. M.

OH Zion's King, we suppliant bow,
And hail the grace Thy Church enjoys;
Her holy officers are Thine,
With all the gifts Thy love employs.

- 2 Up to Thy throne we lift our eyes,
 For blessings to attend our choice,
 Of such whose generous, prudent zeal
 Shall make Thy favored ways rejoice.
- 3 When pastor, saints and poor they serve,
 May their own hearts with grace be crowned;
 While patience, sympathy and joy
 Adorn, and through their lives abound.
- 4 By purest love to Christ and truth,
 Oh may they win a good degree
 Of boldness in the Christian faith,
 And meet the smile of Thine and Thee.
- 5 And when the work to them assigned,
 The work of love, is fully done,
 Call them, from serving tables here,
 To sit around Thy glorious throne.

NEW YEAR.

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For New Year.

P. M., 7.

WHILE with ceaseless course the sun
 Hasted through the former year,
 Many souls their race have run,
 Never more to meet us here:
 Fixed in an eternal state,
 They have done with all below:
 We a little longer wait—
 But how little none can know.

- 2 As the wingèd arrow flies
 Speedily the mark to find;
 As the lightning from the skies
 Darts and leaves no trace behind—
 Swiftly thus our fleeting days
 Bear us down life's rapid stream;
 Lord, our expectations raise—
 All below is but a dream.

- 3 Thanks for mercies past receive ;
 Pardon of our sins renew ;
 Teach us henceforth how to live
 With eternity in view :
 Bless Thy word to young and old ;
 Fill us with a Saviour's love ;
 And when life's short tale is told,
 May we reign with Thee above.

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God's Mercy Praised.

L. M.

GREAT God ! we sing that mighty hand
 G By which supported still we stand ;
 The opening year Thy mercy shows—
 Let mercy crown it till it close.

- 2 By day, at night, at home, abroad.
 Still we are guarded by our God ;
 By His incessant bounty fed,
 By His unerring counsel led.
- 3 With grateful hearts the past we own ;
 The future, all to us unknown,
 We to Thy guardian care commit,
 And peaceful leave before Thy feet.
- 4 In scenes exalted or depressed
 Be Thou our joy, and Thou our rest ;
 Thy goodness all our hopes shall raise,
 Adored through all our changing days.
- 5 When death shall interrupt our songs,
 And seal in silence mortal tongues,
 Our helper, God, in whom we trust,
 In better worlds our souls shall boast.

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The Cumberers.

H. M.

THE Lord of earth and sky,
 The God of ages praise !
 Who reigns enthroned on high,
 Ancient of endless days ;

Who lengthens out our trial here,
And spares us yet another year.

2 Barren and withered trees,
We cumbered long the ground;
No fruit of holiness
On our dead souls was found;
Yet doth He us in mercy spare
Another and another year.

3 When justice gave the word
To cut the fig tree down,
The pity of our Lord
Cried, "Let it still alone:"
The Father mild inclines His ear,
And spares us yet another year.

4 Jesus, Thy speaking blood
From God obtained the grace,
Who therefore hath bestowed
On us a longer space:
Thou didst in our behalf appear,
And lo, we see another year!

5 Then dig about our root,
Break up our fallow ground,
And let our gracious fruit
To Thy great praise abound;
Oh let us all Thy praise declare,
And fruit unto perfection bear.

ORDAINING INSTRUMENTALITIES.

MISSIONS.

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Prayer for Nations.

C. M.

PITY the nations, O our God!
Constrain the earth to come;
Send Thy victorious word abroad,
And bring the strangers home.

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- 2 We long to see Thy churches full,
That all Thy faithful race
May, with one voice and heart and soul,
Sing Thy redeeming grace.

388 *Prayer for Success.* C. M.

L ORD, send Thy word, and let it fly,
Armed with Thy Spirit's power,
Ten thousand shall confess its sway,
And bless the saving hour.

- 2 Beneath the influence of Thy grace,
The barren wastes shall rise,
With sudden greens and fruits arrayed,
A blooming paradise.

- 3 True holiness shall strike its root
In each regenerate heart ;
Shall in a growth divine arise,
And heavenly fruits impart.

- 4 Peace, with her olives crowned, shall stretch
Her wings from shore to shore ;
No trump shall rouse the rage of war,
Nor murderous cannon roar.

- 5 Lord, for those days we wait—those days
Are in Thy word foretold ;
Fly swifter, sun and stars, and bring
This promised age of gold !

- 6 Amen, with joy divine, let earth's
Unnumbered myriads cry ;
Amen, with joy divine, let heaven's
Unnumbered choirs reply.

FROM Greenland's icy mountains,
From India's coral strand,
Where Afric's sunny fountains
Roll down their golden sand,—
From many an ancient river,
From many a palmy plain,
They call us to deliver
Their land from error's chain.

2 What though the spicy breezes
Blow soft o'er Ceylon's isle;
Though every prospect pleases,
And only man is vile;
In vain with lavish kindness
The gifts of God are strewn;
The heathen, in his blindness,
Bows down to wood and stone!

3 Shall we, whose souls are lighted
With wisdom from on high,—
Shall we, to men benighted,
The lamp of life deny?
Salvation, oh salvation!
The joyful sound proclaim,
Till each remotest nation
Has learned Messiah's name.

4 Waft, waft, ye winds, His story,
And you, ye waters, roll,
Till, like a sea of glory,
It spreads from pole to pole;
Till o'er our ransomed nature
The Lamb for sinners slain,
Redeemer, King, Creator,
In bliss returns to reign!

390, 391 ORDAINING INSTRUMENTALITIES.

390 *"Cry Aloud."* P. M., 8, 7, 4.

MEN of God, go take your stations ;
Darkness reigns throughout the earth ;
Go proclaim among the nations,
Joyful news of heavenly birth :
Bear the tidings
Of the Saviour's matchless worth.

- 2 Of His gospel not ashamed,
As "the power of God to save :"
Go where Christ was never named ;
Publish freedom to the slave !
Blessed freedom !
Such as Zion's children have.
- 3 What though earth and hell, united,
Should oppose the Saviour's plan ?
Plead His cause, nor be affrighted :
Fear ye not the face of man :
Vain their tumult ;
Hurt His work they never can.
- 4 When exposed to fearful dangers,
Jesus will His own defend,
Borne afar 'midst foes and strangers,
Jesus will appear your friend :
And His presence
Shall be with you to the end.

391 *Prayer for Guidance.* L. M

- I**NDULGENT God, to Thee we pray,
Be with us on this solemn day ;
Smile on our souls, our plans approve,
By which we seek to spread Thy love.
- 2 Let party prejudice be gone,
And love unite our hearts in one ;
Let all we have and are combine
To aid this glorious work of Thine.

- 3 Point us to men of upright mind,
Devoted, diligent and kind ;
With grace be all their hearts endowed,
And light to guide them in the road.
- 4 With cheerful steps may they proceed,
Where'er Thy providence shall lead ;
Let heaven and earth their work befriend,
And mercy all their paths attend.
- 5 Great let the bands of those be found
Who shall attend the gospel sound :
And let barbarians, bond and free,
In suppliant throngs resort to Thee.
- 6 Where pagan altars now are built,
And blood of beasts or men is spilt,
There be the bleeding cross high reared,
And God, our God, alone revered.
- 7 Where captives groan beneath their chain ;
Let grace and love and concord reign ;
The aged and the infant tongue
Unite in one harmonious song.

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Isaiah lx.

P. M., 10.

RISE, crowned with light, imperial Salem,
rise ;
Exalt thy towering head and lift thine eyes ;
See heaven its sparkling portals wide display,
And break upon thee in a flood of day.

- 2 See a long race thy spacious courts adorn,
See future sons and daughters yet unborn,
In crowding ranks on every side arise,
Demanding life, impatient for the skies.

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- 3 See barbarous nations at thy gates attend,
 Walk in thy light, and in thy temple bend :
 See thy bright altars thronged with prostrate
 kings,
 While every land its joyous tribute brings.
- 4 The seas shall waste, the skies to smoke
 decay,
 Rocks fall to dust, and mountains melt away ;
 But fixed His word, His saving power re-
 mains ;
 Thy realm shall last, thy own Messiah reigns.

393 *Missionary's Farewell.* P. M., 8, 7, 4.

- YES, my native land, I love thee ;
 I All thy scenes, I love them well ;
 Friends, connections, happy country,
 Can I bid you all farewell ?
 Can I leave you,
 Far in distant lands to dwell ?
- 2 Home, thy joys are passing lovely—
 Joys no stranger's heart can tell ;
 Happy home, 'tis sure I love thee,
 Can I, can I say farewell ?
 Can I leave thee,
 Far in heathen lands to dwell ?
- 3 Scenes of sacred peace and pleasure,
 Holy days and Sabbath bell ;
 Richest, brightest, sweetest treasure,
 Can I say a last farewell ?
 Can I leave you,
 Far in heathen lands to dwell ?
- 4 Yes, I hasten from you gladly,
 From the scenes I love so well,

Far away, ye billows, bear me;
 Lovely native land, farewell!
 Pleased I leave thee—
 Far in heathen lands to dwell.

5 In the desert let me labor,
 On the mountain let me tell
 How He died, the blessed Saviour,
 To redeem a world from hell!
 Let me hasten,
 Far in heathen lands to dwell.

6 Bear me on, thou restless ocean,
 Let the winds my canvas swell;
 Heaves my heart with warm emotion,
 While I go far hence to dwell:
 Glad I leave thee,
 Native land, farewell! farewell!

394 *Missionary's Departure.* P. M., 7, 6.

ROLL on, thou mighty ocean;
 And, as thy billows flow,
 Bear messengers of mercy
 To every land below.

2 Arise, ye gales, and waft them
 Safe to the destined shore,
 That man may sit in darkness
 And death's deep shade no more.

3 O Thou eternal Ruler,
 Who holdest in Thine arm
 The tempests of the ocean,
 Protect them from all harm.

4 Oh be Thy presence with them,
 Wherever they may be;
 Though far from us who love them,
 Still let them be with Thee.

395

"Daughter of Zion."

C. M.

DAUGHTER of Zion, from the dust
Exalt thy fallen head;
Again in thy Redeemer trust—
He calls thee from the dead.

- 2 Awake, awake, put on thy strength,
Thy beautiful array;
The day of freedom dawns at length—
The Lord's appointed day.
- 3 Rebuild thy walls, thy bounds enlarge,
And send thy heralds forth;
Say to the south—Give up thy charge!
And—Keep not back, O north!
- 4 They come, they come: thine exiled bands,
Where'er they rest or roam,
Have heard thy voice in distant lands,
And hasten to their home.

396

Messiah Reigns.

L. M.

HIGH on the bending willows hung,
Israel, still sleeps the tuneful string!
Still mute remains the sullen tongue,
And Zion's song denies to sing!

- 2 Awake! thy loudest raptures raise,
Let harp and voice unite their strains:
Thy promised King His sceptre sways;
Behold, thine own Messiah reigns.
- 3 By foreign streams no longer roam,
And, weeping, think on Jordan's flood:
In every clime behold a home;
In every temple see thy God.

- 4 No taunting foes the song require ;
 No strangers mock thy captive chain ;
 Thy friends provoke the silent lyre,
 And brethren ask the holy strain.
- 5 Then why on bending willows hung,
 Israel, still sleeps the tuneful string !
 Why mute remains the sullen tongue,
 And Zion's song delays to sing !

TRAINING OF YOUTH.

397

Prayer.

C. M.

BESTOW, O Lord, upon our youth
 The gift of saving grace
 And let the seed of sacred truth
 Fall in a fruitful place.

- 2 Grace is a plant, where'er it grows,
 Of pure and heavenly root ;
 But fairest in the youngest shows,
 And yields the sweetest fruit.

- 3 Ye careless ones, betimes obey
 The voice of sovereign love !
 Ye rove in folly's dangerous way,
 But mercy reigns above.

- 4 For you the public prayer is made,
 Oh join the public prayer !
 For you the secret tear is shed,
 Oh shed yourselves a tear !

398

Pastor's Prayer.

L. M.

DEAR Saviour, if these lambs should stray
 From Thy secure enclosure's bound,
 And, lured by worldly joys away,
 Among the thoughtless crowd be found ;

399 ORDAINING INSTRUMENTALITIES.

- 2 Remember still that they are Thine,
 That Thy dear sacred name they bear ;
Think that the seal of love divine—
 The sign of covenant grace they wear.
- 3 In all their erring, sinful years,
 Oh let them ne'er forgotten be ;
Remember all the prayers and tears
 Which made them consecrate to Thee.
- 4 And when these lips no more can pray,
 These eyes can weep for them no more,
Turn Thou their feet from folly's way,
 The wanderers to Thy fold restore.

399 *A Call to the Young.* L. M.

- NOW, in the heat of youthful blood,
Remember your Creator, God :
Behold, the months come hastening on
When you shall say, "My joys are gone."
- 2 God from on high beholds your thoughts,
His book records your secret faults :
The works of darkness men have done
Must all appear before the sun.
- 3 Behold the aged sinner goes,
Laden with guilt and heavy woes,
Down to the regions of the dead,
With bitterest curses on his head.
- 4 The dust returns to dust again ;
The soul in agonies of pain
Ascends to God, not there to dwell,
But hears her doom, and sinks to hell.
- 5 God of the young ! turn off their eyes
From earth's alluring vanities ;
And let the warnings of Thy word
Awake their souls to fear the Lord !

400 *Advantages of Early Religion.* C. M.

HAPPY is he whose early years
Receive instruction well;
Who hates the sinner's path, and fears
The road that leads to hell.

- 2 'Tis easier work, if we begin
To serve the Lord betimes;
While sinners, who grow old in sin,
Are hardened by their crimes.
- 3 It saves us from a thousand snares,
To mind religion young:
With joy it crowns succeeding years,
And makes our virtue strong.
- 4 To Thee, almighty God! to Thee
Our hearts we now resign:
'Twill please us to look back and see
That our whole lives were Thine!

401 *Youth Invited.* C. M.

YE hearts with youthful vigor warm,
In smiling crowds draw near;
And turn from every mortal charm,
A Saviour's voice to hear.

- 2 He, Lord of all the worlds on high,
Stoops to converse with you,
And lays His radiant glories by,
Your friendship to pursue.
- 3 "The soul that longs to see my face,
Is sure my love to gain;
And those that early seek my grace,
Shall never seek in vain."
- 4 What object, Lord, my soul should move,
If once compared with Thee?

402, 403 ORDAINING INSTRUMENTALITIES.

What beauty should command my love,
Like that in Christ I see?

- 5 Away, ye false, delusive toys,
Vain tempters of the mind!
'Tis here I fix my lasting choice,
And here true bliss I find.

402 *Early Piety.* C. M.

BY cool Siloam's shady rill
How fair the lily grows!
How sweet the breath, beneath the hill,
Of Sharon's dewy rose!

- 2 Lo! such the child whose early feet
The paths of peace have trod,
Whose secret heart, with influence sweet,
Is upward drawn to God.

- 3 By cool Siloam's shady rill
The lily must decay;
The rose that blooms beneath the hill
Must shortly fade away.

- 4 And soon, too soon, the wintry hour
Of man's maturer age
Will shake the soul with sorrow's power
And stormy passion's rage.

- 5 O Thou, who givest life and breath,
We seek Thy grace alone,
In childhood, manhood, age and death,
To keep us still Thine own.

403 *"Feed my Lambs."* C. M.

BLEST is the man whose heart expands
At melting pity's call,
And the rich blessings of whose hands
Like heavenly manna fall.

- 2 Mercy, descending from above,
In softest accents pleads ;
Oh may each tender bosom move
When mercy intercedes.
- 3 Be ours the bliss in wisdom's way
To guide untutored youth,
And lead the mind that went astray
To virtue and to truth.
- 4 Children our kind protection claim,
And God will well approve
When infants learn to lisp His name
And their Creator love.
- 5 Delightful work ! young souls to win.
And turn the rising race
From the deceitful paths of sin,
To seek redeeming grace.
- 6 Almighty God ! Thine influence shed
To aid this good design :
The honors of Thy name be spread,
And all the glory Thine.

404

The First Great Object.

C. M.

- R**ELIGION is the chief concern
Of mortals here below ;
May I its great importance learn,
Its sovereign virtue know !
- 2 More needful this than glittering wealth,
Or aught the world bestows ;
Nor reputation, food or health,
Can give us such repose.
 - 3 Religion should our thoughts engage,
Amidst our youthful bloom ;
'Twill fit us for declining age,
And for the awful tomb.

405 RELATION TO CIVIL GOVERNMENT.

- 4 Oh may my heart, by grace renewed,
 Be my Redeemer's throne ;
And be my stubborn will subdued,
 His government to own
- 5 Let deep repentance, faith and love
 Be joined with godly fear ;
And all my conversation prove
 My heart to be sincere.

IN RELATION TO CIVIL GOVERNMENT.

PUBLIC CALAMITY.

405 *In Time of War.* L. M.

- ON Thee, great Ruler of the skies,
On Thee our steadfast hope relies ;
When hostile powers against us join,
What aid so present, Lord, as Thine ?
- 2 By Thee secured, no fears we own,
Though earth, convulsed, beneath us groan,
Though tempests o'er her surface sweep,
And whirl her hills into the deep ;
- 3 Though armed with rage, before our eyes
That deep in all its horrors rise,
While, as the tumult spreads around,
The mountains tremble at the sound.
- 4 Behold fair Zion's blest retreat,
Where God has fixed His awful seat ;
Whose walls to heaven's almighty Lord
His chosen residence afford.
- 5 God, ever watchful, ever nigh,
Bids storms around her harmless fly ;
His early care each foe withstands,
And backward turns the yielding bands.

406

Prayer for Protection.

C. M.

PROTECT us, Lord, from fatal harm;
 Behold our rising woes;
 We trust alone Thy powerful arm,
 To scatter all our foes.

2 Their tongue is like a poisoned dart,
 Their thoughts are full of guile;
 While rage and carnage swell their heart,
 They wear a peaceful smile.

3 O God of grace, Thy guardian care,
 When foes without invade,
 Or spread within a deeper snare,
 Supplies our constant aid.

4 Let falsehood flee before Thy face,
 Thy heavenly truth extend,
 All nations taste Thy heavenly grace,
 And all delusions end.

5 With daily bread the poor supply,
 The cause of justice plead;
 And be Thy Church exalted high,
 With Christ, the glorious Head.

407

For a Public Fast.

C. M.

SEE, gracious God, before Thy throne
 Thy mourning people bend!
 'Tis on Thy sovereign grace alone
 Our humble hopes depend.

2 Tremendous judgments from Thy hand
 Thy dreadful power display;
 Yet mercy spares this guilty land,
 And still we live to pray.

3 What land so favored of the skies
 As these apostate States!

Our numerous crimes increasing rise,
Yet still Thy vengeance waits.

4 How changed, alas ! are truths divine
For error, guilt, and shame !
What impious numbers, bold in sin,
Disgrace the Christian's name !

5 Regardless of Thy smile or frown,
Their pleasures they require ;
And sink with gay indifference down
To everlasting fire.

6 Oh turn us, turn us, mighty Lord,
By Thy unbounded grace :
Then shall our hearts obey Thy word,
And humbly seek Thy face.

7 Then, should insulting foes invade,
We shall not sink in fear ;
Secure of never-failing aid,
If God, our God is near.

408 *Prayer for Preservation.* L. M.

HEAR us, O Lord, in time of need,
And let Thy name our cause defend ;
Grant that our efforts may succeed,
And victory on our steps attend.

2 On horse and chariot some rely,
And some in numbers make their boast ;
Our trust is in the Lord most high ;
His favor is itself a host.

3 In His salvation we rejoice,
And lift our banners in His name ;
Lord, hear our supplicating voice,
And put our haughty foes to shame.

- 4 Spread over us Thy sheltering wing,
 And bless with peace our favored land;
 That we may still Thy glory sing,
 By whose protecting care we stand.

THANKSGIVING.

409 *Praise for Deliverance and Peace.* P. M., 7.

PEACE! the welcome sound proclaim;
 Dwell with rapture on the theme:
 Loud, still louder swell the strain;
 Peace on earth, good will to men!

- 2 Breezes, whispering soft and low,
 Gently murmur as ye blow,
 Now, when war and discord cease,
 Praises to the God of peace.

- 3 Ocean's billows far and wide,
 Rolling in majestic pride!
 Loud, still louder swell the strain;
 Peace on earth, good will to men!

- 4 Vocal songsters of the grove,
 Sweetly chant in notes of love!
 Now, when war and discord cease,
 Praises to the God of peace!

- 5 Mortals, who these blessings feel!
 Christians, who before Him kneel!
 Loud, still louder swell the strain;
 Peace on earth, good will to men!

410

Psalm xlvii.

L. M.

O ALL ye people, clap your hands,
 And with triumphant voices sing;
 No force the mighty power withstands
 Of God, the universal King.

- 2 He shall assaulting foes repel,
And with success our battles fight;
Shall fix the place where we must dwell,
The pride of Jacob His delight.
- 3 God is gone up, our Lord and King,
With shouts of joy and trumpet's sound;
To Him repeated praises sing,
And let the cheerful song rebound.
- 4 Your utmost skill in praise be shown,
From Him who all the world commands;
Who sits upon His righteous throne,
And spreads His sway o'er heathen lands.

HARVEST.

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Psalm lxxv.

L. M.

ETERNAL Source of every joy!
 E Well may Thy praise our lips employ,
 While in Thy temple we appear
 To hail Thee Sovereign of the year.

- 2 Wide as the wheels of nature roll,
Thy hand supports and guides the whole;
The sun is taught by Thee to rise,
And darkness when to veil the skies.
- 3 The flowery spring, at Thy hand,
Perfumes the air and paints the land:
The summer rays with vigor shine
To raise the corn and cheer the vine.
- 4 Thy hand, in autumn, richly pours
Through all our coast redundant stores,
And winter, softened by Thy care,
No more the face of horror wear.

5 Seasons and months and weeks and days
Demand successive songs of praise ;
And be the grateful homage paid
With morning light and evening shade.

6 Here in Thy house let incense rise,
And circling Sabbaths bless our eyes.
Till to those lofty heights we soar,
Where days and years revolve no more.

412

Praise for Blessings.

P. M., 7.

PRAISE to God, immortal praise,
For the love that crowns our days ;
Bounteous Source of every joy,
Let Thy praise our tongues employ :
All to Thee, our God, we owe,
Source whence all our blessings flow,—

2 All the blessings of the fields,
All the stores the garden yields,
Flocks that whiten all the plain,
Yellow sheaves of ripened grain :
Lord, for these our souls shall raise
Grateful vows and solemn praise.

3 Clouds that drop their fattening dews,
Suns that genial warmth diffuse,
All the plenty summer pours,
Autumn's rich, o'erflowing stores :
Lord, for Thee our souls shall raise
Grateful vows and solemn praise.

4 Peace, prosperity and health,
Private bliss and public wealth,
Knowledge, with its gladdening streams,
Pure religion's holier beams :
Lord, for these our souls shall raise
Grateful vows and solemn praise.

- 5 Yet should rising whirlwinds tear
 From its stem the ripening ear ;
 Though the sickening flock should fall,
 And the herd desert the stall :
 Still to Thee our souls shall raise
 Grateful vows and solemn praise.
- 6 Should Thine altered hand restrain
 The early and the latter rain,
 Blast each opening bud of joy,
 And the rising year destroy :
 Still to Thee our souls shall raise
 Grateful vows and solemn praise.
- 7 Life and grace, whate'er our woe,
 Still to Thee, our God, we owe ;
 Though of earthly hopes bereft,
 Yet our hope of heaven is left ;
 And for these our souls shall raise
 Grateful vows and solemn praise.

LIFE.

ITS BREVITY.

413

Time is Short.

C. P. M.

MY days, my weeks, my months, my years,
 Fly rapid as the whirling spheres
 Around the steady pole ;
 Time, like the tide, its motion keeps,
 And I must launch through endless deeps,
 Where endless ages roll.

- 2 The grave is near the cradle seen,
 How swift the moments pass between !
 And whisper as they fly—
 Unthinking man, remember this,
 Thou, 'midst thy sublunary bliss,
 Must groan and gasp and die !

- 3 But shall my soul be then extinct,
And cease to be or cease to think?
Great God! it cannot be;
Thou, soul immortal, canst not die!
What wilt thou do or whither fly,
When death shall set thee free?
- 4 My soul, attend the solemn call,
Thine earthly tent must quickly fall,
And thou must take thy flight
Beyond the vast ethereal blue,
To love and sing as angels do,
Or sink in endless night.

414

Life in Danger.

C. M.

- D**EATH rides on every passing breeze,
And lurks in every flower;
Each season has its own disease,
Its peril every hour!
- 2 Our eyes have seen the rosy light
Of youth's soft cheek decay;
And fate descend in sudden night
On manhood's middle day.
- 3 Our eyes have seen the steps of age
Halt feebly to the tomb;
And yet shall earth our hearts engage,
And dreams of days to come!
- 4 Then, mortal, turn! thy danger know;
Where'er thy foot can tread,
The earth rings hollow from below,
And warns thee of her dead!
- 5 Turn, mortal, turn! thy soul apply
To truths divinely given:
The dead, who underneath thee lie,
Shall live for hell or heaven!

415 "*For what is your Life?*" C. L. M.

OH! what is life?—'tis like a flower
That blossoms and is gone;
It flourishes its little hour,
With all its beauty on:
Death comes, and like a wintry day
It cuts the lovely flower away.

2 Oh! what is life?—'tis like the bow
That glistens in the sky;
We love to see its colors glow,
But while we look, they die:
Life fails as soon:—to-day 'tis here;
To-morrow it may disappear.

3 Lord, what is life?—if spent with Thee
In humble praise and prayer,
How long or short our life may be,
We feel no anxious care:
Though life depart, our joys shall last
When life and all its joys are past.

416 *Frailty of Life.* C. M.

HOW short and hasty is our life!
How vast our souls' affairs!
Yet senseless mortals vainly strive
To lavish out their years.

2 Our days run thoughtlessly along,
Without a moment's stay;
Just like a story or a song,
We pass our lives away.

3 God from on high invites us home,
But we march heedless on,
And ever hastening to the tomb,
Stoop downward as we run.

4 How we deserve the deepest hell,
 That slight the joys above!
 What chains of vengeance should we feel,
 That break such cords of love!

5 Draw us, O Saviour, with Thy grace,
 And lift our thoughts on high,
 That we may end this mortal race,
 And see salvation nigh.

417

Time.

P. M., 7, 6.

TIME is winging us away
 To our eternal home;
 Life is but a winter's day—
 A journey to the tomb;
 Youth and vigor soon will flee,
 Blooming beauty lose its charms;
 All that's mortal soon shall be
 Enclosed in death's cold arms.

2 Time is bearing us away
 To our eternal home;
 Life is but a winter's day—
 A journey to the tomb;
 But the saints shall soon enjoy
 Life—immortal life above,
 Where no worldly griefs annoy,
 Where Jesus reigns in love.

ITS UNCERTAINTY.

418

The Tolling Bell.

L. M.

OFt as the bell, with solemn toll,
 Speaks the departure of a soul,
 Let each one ask himself, "Am I
 Prepared, should I be called to die?"

- 2 Only this frail and fleeting breath
Preserves me from the jaws of death ;
Soon as it fails, at once I'm gone,
And plunged into a world unknown.
- 3 Then, leaving all I loved below,
To God's tribunal I must go ;
Must hear the Judge pronounce my fate,
And fix my everlasting state.
- 4 Lord Jesus ! help me now to flee,
And seek my hope alone in Thee ;
Apply Thy blood, Thy Spirit give,
Subdue my sin, and let me live.
- 5 Then when the solemn bell I hear,
If saved from guilt, I need not fear ;
Nor would the thought alarming be,
Perhaps it next may toll for me.

419

Watch and Pray.

C. L. M.

- GO, watch and pray ! thou canst not tell
How near thine hour may be ;
Thou canst not know how soon the bell
May toll its notes for thee.
Death's countless snares beset thy way !
Frail child of dust, go watch and pray !
- 2 Fond youth, while free from blighting care,
Does thy firm pulse beat high ?
Do hope's glad visions, bright and fair,
Dilate before thine eye ?
Soon these must change, must pass away ;
Frail child of dust, go watch and pray.
- 3 Thou aged man, life's wintry storm
Hath seared thy vernal bloom ;
With trembling limbs and wasting form
Thou'rt bending o'er thy tomb :

And can vain hope lead thee astray?
Go, weary pilgrim, watch and pray.

- 4 Ambition, stop thy panting breath!
Pride, sink thy lifted eye!
Behold the caverns, dark with death,
Before you open lie:
The heavenly warning now obey;
Ye sons of pride, go watch and pray.

ITS DUTIES AND OBJECT.

420 *The Duty of Life.* P. M., 8, 4.

A LAS! how poor and little worth
Are all those glittering toys of earth
That lure us here!
Dreams of a sleep that death must break;
Alas! before it bids us wake,
They disappear.

- 2 Where is the strength that spurned decay,
The step that rolled so light and gay,
The heart's blithe tone?
The strength is gone, the step is slow,
And joy grows weariness and woe
When age comes on.
- 3 Our birth is but a starting-place;
Life is the running of the race,
And death the goal:
There all those glittering toys are brought;
That path alone, of all unsought,
Is found of all.
- 4 Oh let the soul its slumbers break,
Arouse its senses, and awake
To see how soon
Life, like its glories, glide away,
And the stern footsteps of decay
Come stealing on.

421 *"Prepare to Meet thy God."* L. M.

BEHOLD the path that mortals tread
Down to the regions of the dead!
Nor will the fleeting moments stay,
Nor can we measure back our way.

2 Our kindred and our friends are gone;
Know, O my soul, this doom thine own;
Feeble as theirs, my mortal frame,
The same my way, my house the same.

3 And must I, from the cheerful light,
Pass to the grave's perpetual night?
From scenes of duty, means of grace,
Must I to God's tribunal pass?

4 Awake, my soul, thy way prepare,
And lose, in this, each mortal care;
With steady feet that path be trod,
Which through the grave conducts to God.

422 *Life the Day of Grace.* L. M.

LIFE is the time to serve the Lord,
The time t' ensure the great reward;
And while the Spirit gives concern
The vilest sinner may return.

2 The living know that they must die;
But all the dead forgotten lie;
Their memory and their sense are gone,
Alike unknowing and unknown.

3 Their hatred, and their love, is lost,
Their envy buried in the dust;
They have no share in all that's done
Beneath the circuit of the sun.

- 4 Then what my thoughts design to do,
My hands, with all your might pursue,
Since no device, nor work, is found,
Nor faith, nor hope, beneath the ground.

423

Life, a Time of Trial.

C. P. M.

AND am I only born to die?
And must I suddenly comply
With nature's stern decree?
What after death for me remains?
Celestial joys, or hellish pains,
To all eternity.

- 2 How then ought I on earth to live,
While God prolongs the kind reprieve,
And props the house of clay?
My sole concern, my single care,
To watch and tremble, and prepare
Against that fatal day.
- 3 No room for mirth or trifling here,
For worldly hope, or worldly fear,
If life so soon is gone;
If now the Judge is at the door,
And all mankind must stand before
Th' inexorable throne!
- 4 No matter which my thoughts employ,
A moment's misery or joy;
But, oh when both shall end,
Where shall I find my destined place?
Shall I my everlasting days
With fiends or angels spend?
- 5 Nothing is worth a thought beneath,
But how I may escape the death
That never, never dies!
How make mine own election sure;
And when I fail on earth, secure
A mansion in the skies.

- 6 Jesus, vouchsafe a pitying ray ;
 Be Thou my Guide, be Thou my Way
 To glorious happiness.
 Ah ! write the pardon on my heart ;
 And whensoever I hence depart,
 Let me depart in peace.

424

Death at Hand.

C. M.

- THEE we adore, eternal Name !
 And humbly own to Thee
 How feeble is our mortal frame,
 What dying worms are we.
- 2 Our wasting lives are shortening still,
 As months and days increase ;
 And every beating pulse we tell
 Leaves but the number less.
- 3 Dangers stand thick through all the ground,
 To push us to the tomb ;
 And fierce diseases wait around
 To hurry mortals home.
- 4 Great God ! on what a slender thread
 Hang everlasting things !
 Th' eternal states of all the dead
 Upon life's feeble strings.
- 5 Yet while a world of joy or woe
 Depends on every breath,
 Thoughtless and unconcerned we go
 Upon the brink of death.
- 6 Waken, O Lord ! our drowsy sense,
 To walk this dangerous road ;
 And if our souls are hurried hence,
 May they be found with God.

425

Vanity of Mortals.

C. M.

TEACH me the measure of my days,
 Thou Maker of my frame!
 I would survey life's narrow space,
 And learn how frail I am.

- 2 A span is all that we can boast;
 A fleeting hour of time:
 Man is but vanity and dust,
 In all his flower and prime.
- 3 See the vain race of mortals move,
 Like shadows o'er the plain:
 They rage and strive, desire and love,
 But all the noise is vain.
- 4 Some walk in honor's gaudy show;
 Some dig for golden ore;
 They toil for heirs, they know not who,
 And straight are seen no more.
- 5 What should I wish or wait for, then,
 From creatures, earth and dust?
 They make our expectations vain,
 And disappoint our trust.
- 6 Now I resign my earthly hope,
 My fond desires recall;
 I give my mortal interest up,
 And make my God my all.

DEATH.

426

Friends in Heaven.

H. M.

FRIEND after friend departs:
 Who hath not lost a friend?
 There is no union here of hearts
 That finds not here an end:

- Were this frail world our final rest,
Living or dying, none were blest.
- 2 Beyond the flight of time,
Beyond this vale of death,
There surely is some blessed clime
Where life is not a breath—
Nor life's affections transient fire,
Whose sparks fly upward to expire.
- 3 There is a world above,
Where parting is unknown,
A whole eternity of love,
Formed for the good alone;
And faith beholds the dying here
Translated to that happier sphere.
- 4 Thus star by star declines,
Till all are passed away,
As morning high and higher shines,
To pure and perfect day:
Nor sink those stars in empty night—
They hide themselves in heaven's own
light.

- A** SLEEP in Jesus! blessed sleep!
From which none ever wakes to weep;
A calm and undisturbed repose,
Unbroken by the last of foes.
- 2 Asleep in Jesus! oh how sweet
To be for such a slumber meet!
With holy confidence to sing
That death hath lost its venom'd sting!
- 3 Asleep in Jesus! peaceful rest!
Whose waking is supremely blest;
No fear—no woe, shall dim that hour
That manifests the Saviour's power.

- 4 Asleep in Jesus! oh for me
 May such a blissful refuge be:
 Securely shall my ashes lie,
 And wait the summons from on high.
- 5 Asleep in Jesus! time nor space
 Debars this precious "hiding-place:"
 On Indian plains, or Lapland snows,
 Believers find the same repose.
- 6 Asleep in Jesus! far from Thee
 Thy kindred and their graves may be:
 But there is still a blessed sleep,
 From which none ever wakes to weep.

428 *The Voice of the Tomb.* C. M.

- H**ARK! from the tombs a doleful sound;
 My ears attend the cry:
 "Ye living men, come view the ground
 Where you must shortly lie.
- 2 "Princes, this clay must be your bed
 In spite of all your towers!
 The tall, the wise, the reverend head,
 Must lie as low as ours."
- 3 Great God! is this our certain doom?
 And are we still secure?
 Still walking downward to the tomb,
 And yet prepare no more?
- 4 Grant us the power of quickening grace
 To fit our souls to fly;
 Then, when we drop this dying flesh,
 We'll rise above the sky.

429 *The Grave.* P. M., 8, 4.

THERE is a calm for those who weep,
 A rest for weary pilgrims found;
 They softly lie, and sweetly sleep,
 Low in the ground.

- 2 The storm that wrecks the winter sky
 No more disturbs their sweet repose
 Than summer evening's latest sigh,
 That shuts the rose.
- 3 Thou traveler in this vale of tears
 To realms of everlasting light,
 Through time's dark wilderness of years
 Pursue thy flight.
- 4 Whate'er thy lot—where'er thou be—
 Confess thy folly—kiss the rod;
 And in thy chastening sorrows see
 The hand of God.
- 5 Though long of winds and waves the sport,
 Condemned in wretchedness to roam,
 Thou soon shalt reach a sheltering port,
 A quiet home.

430

A Peaceful Death.

C. P. M.

- WHEN life's tempestuous storms are
 o'er,
 How calm he meets the friendly shore
 Who lived averse from sin!
 Such peace on virtue's path attends,
 That, where the sinner's pleasure ends,
 The Christian's joys begin.
- 2 See smiling patience smooth his brow!
 See bending angels downward bow
 To lift his soul on high!
 While, eager for the blest abode,
 He joins with them to praise the God
 Who taught him how to die.
- 3 No sorrow drowns his lifted eyes;
 No horror wrests the struggling sighs,
 As from the sinner's breast:

His God, the God of peace and love,
Pours kindly solace from above
And heals his soul with rest.

- 4 Oh grant, my Saviour and my Friend!
Such joys may gild my peaceful end,
So calm my evening close,
While, loosed from every earthly tie,
With steady confidence I fly
To Thee from whom I rose!

431 *The Tomb.* L. M.

UNVEIL thy bosom, faithful tomb!
Take this new treasure to thy trust;
And give these sacred relics room
To seek a slumber in the dust.

- 2 Nor pain, nor grief, nor anxious fear
Invades thy bounds. No mortal woes
Can reach the peaceful sleeper here,
While angels watch the soft repose.
- 3 So Jesus slept;—God's dying Son
Passed through the grave, and blest the
bed;
Rest here, blest saint, till from His throne
The morning break and pierce the shade.
- 4 Break from His throne, illustrious morn;
Attend, O earth! His sovereign word;
Restore thy trust—a glorious form
Shall then arise to meet the Lord.

432 "*Let me Die the Death of the Righteous.*" L. M.

HOW blest the righteous when he dies!
When sinks a weary soul to rest,
How mildly beam the closing eyes!
How gently heaves th' expiring breast!

- 2 So fades a summer cloud away ;
 So sinks the gale when storms are o'er ;
 So gently shuts the eye of day ;
 So dies a wave along the shore.
- 3 A holy quiet reigns around—
 A calm which life nor death destroys ;
 And naught disturbs that peace profound
 Which his unfettered soul enjoys.
- 4 Farewell, conflicting hopes and fears,
 Where lights and shades alternate dwell ;
 How bright the unchanging morn appears !
 Farewell, inconstant world, farewell !
- 5 Life's labor's done ; as sinks the clay,
 Light from its load the spirit flies,
 While heaven and earth combine to say,
 “ How blest the righteous when he dies ! ”

433

Death of a Child.

L. M.

- SO fades the lovely, blooming flower,
 SO Frail smiling solace of an hour !
 So soon our transient comforts fly,
 And pleasure only blooms to die.
- 2 Is there no kind, no lenient art,
 To heal the anguish of the heart ?
 Spirit of grace ! be ever nigh :
 Thy comforts are not made to die.
- 3 See gentle patience smile on pain,
 Till dying hope revive again ;
 Hope wipes the tear from sorrow's eye,
 While faith points upward to the sky.

434

Death of an Aged Minister.

S. M.

SERVANT of God, well done !
 SO Rest from thy loved employ :
 The battle fought, the victory won,
 Enter thy Master's joy.

- 2 The voice at midnight came ;
 He started up to hear :
 A mortal arrow pierced his frame ;
 He fell, but felt no fear.
- 3 At midnight came the cry,
 "To meet thy God prepare !"
 He woke,—and caught his Captain's eye ;
 Then, strong in faith and prayer,
- 4 His spirit with a bound
 Left its encumbering clay :
 His tent, at sunrise, on the ground
 A darkened ruin lay.
- 5 The pains of death are past ;
 Labor and sorrow cease ;
 And, life's long warfare closed at last,
 His soul is found in peace.
- 6 Soldier of Christ, well done !
 Praise be thy new employ ;
 And, while eternal ages run,
 Rest in my Saviour's joy.

435 *Death of a Young Minister.* P. M., 10.

GO to the grave in all thy glorious prime,
 G In full activity of zeal and power ;
 A Christian cannot die before his time,
 The Lord's appointment is the servant's
 hour.

- 2 Go to the grave ; at noon from labor cease ;
 Rest on thy sheaves, thy harvest task is
 done ;
 Come from the heat of battle, and in peace,
 Soldier, go home ; with thee the fight is
 won.

- 3 Go to the grave ; for there thy Saviour lay
 In death's embrace, ere He rose on high ;
 And all the ransomed, by that narrow way,
 Pass to eternal life beyond the sky.
- 4 Go to the grave !—no, take thy seat above ;
 Be thy pure spirit present with the Lord,
 Where thou, for faith and hope, hast perfect
 love,
 And open vision for the written Word.

436 *"I would not Live Alway."* P. M., 11.

- I WOULD not live alway : I ask not to
 stay
 Where storm after storm rises dark o'er the
 way ;
 The few lurid mornings that dawn on us
 here,
 Are enough for life's woes, full enough for
 its cheer.
- 2 I would not live alway, thus fettered by
 sin,
 Temptation without, and corruption within :
 E'en the rapture of pardon is mingled with
 fears,
 And the cup of thanksgiving with penitent
 tears.
- 3 I would not live alway ; no, welcome the
 tomb !
 Since Jesus hath lain there, I dread not its
 gloom ;
 There, sweet be my rest, till He bid me
 arise
 To hail Him in triumph descending the
 skies.

- 4 Who, who would live alway, away from his
 God ;
 Away from yon heaven, that blissful
 abode,
 Where the rivers of pleasure flow o'er the
 bright plains,
 And the noontide of glory eternally reigns?
- 5 Where the saints of all ages in harmony
 meet,
 Their Saviour and brethren transported to
 greet ;
 While the anthems of rapture unceasingly
 roll,
 And the smile of the Lord is the feast of the
 soul?

437

Death of a Sister.

P. M., 8, 7.

- SISTER, thou wast mild and lovely,
 Gentle as the summer breeze,
 Pleasant as the air of evening,
 When it floats among the trees.
- 2 Peaceful be thy silent slumber—
 Peaceful in the grave so low :
 Thou no more wilt join our number,
 Thou no more our songs shalt know.
- 3 Dearest sister, thou hast left us ;
 Here thy loss we deeply feel ;
 But 'tis God that hath bereft us :
 He can all our sorrows heal.
- 4 Yet again we hope to meet thee,
 When the day of life is fled,
 Then in heaven with joy to greet thee,
 Where no farewell tear is shed.

438

Death of a Child.

P. M., 6.

GO to thy rest, my child,
 Go to thy dreamless bed,
 Gentle and undefiled,
 With blessings on thy head.

2 Fresh roses in thy hand,
 Buds on thy pillow laid;
 Haste from this fearful land,
 Where flowers so quickly fade.

3 Before thy heart had learned
 In waywardness to stray;
 Before thy feet had turned
 The dark and downward way;

4 Ere sin had seared the breast,
 Or sorrow woke the tear;
 Rise to thy home of rest,
 In yon celestial sphere.

5 Because thy smile was fair,
 Thy lip and eye so bright,
 Because thy cradle-care
 Was such a fond delight,—

6 Shall love, with weak embrace,
 Thy heavenward wing detain?
 No!—angel, seek thy place
 Amid heaven's cherub train.

439

"Gone to the Grave."

P. M., 12.

THOU art gone to the grave! but we will
 not deplore thee,

Though sorrows and darkness encompass
 the tomb;

The Saviour hath passed through its portals
 before thee,

And the lamp of His love is thy guide
 through the gloom.

- 2 Thou art gone to the grave! we no longer
 behold thee,
 Nor tread the rough paths of the world by
 thy side;
 But the wide arms of Mercy are spread to
 enfold thee,
 And sinners may hope, for the Sinless
 hath died.
- 3 Thou art gone to the grave! and, its man-
 sions forsaking,
 Perchance thy weak spirit in doubt lin-
 gered long:
 But the sunshine of glory beamed bright on
 thy waking,
 And full on thine ear burst the seraphim's
 song.
- 4 Thou art gone to the grave! but we will not
 deplore thee,
 Since God was thy Ransom, thy Guardian,
 and Guide:
 He gave thee, He took thee, and He will re-
 store thee;
 And death has no sting, for the Saviour
 hath died.

440

Death.

S. M.

IT is not death to die—
 To leave this weary road,
 And, 'mid the brotherhood on high,
 To be at home with God.

- 2 It is not death to close
 The eye long dimmed by tears,
 And wake, in glorious repose,
 To spend eternal years.

3 Jesus, Thou Prince of life!

Thy chosen cannot die;
Like Thee, they conquer in the strife,
To reign with Thee on high.

441

Christ's Presence in Death.

L. M.

WHY should we start and fear to die?
What tim'rous worms we mortals are!
Death is the gate of endless joy,
And yet we dread to enter there.

2 The pains, the groans and dying strife,
Fright our approaching souls away:
Still we shrink back again to life,
Fond of our prison and our clay.

3 Oh if my Lord would come and meet,
My soul should stretch her wings in
haste,
Fly fearless through death's iron gate,
Nor feel the terrors as she passed.

4 Jesus can make a dying bed
Feel soft as downy pillows are,
While on His breast I lean my head,
And breathe my life out sweetly there.

442

Certainty of Death.

S. M.

AND must this body die?
This mortal frame decay?
And must these active limbs of mine
Lie mouldering in the clay?

2 Corruption, earth and worms,
Shall but refine this flesh,
Till my triumphant spirit comes
To put it on afresh.

- 3 God, my Redeemer, lives,
And often, from the skies,
Looks down and watches all my dust,
Till He shall bid it rise.
- 4 Arrayed in glorious grace
Shall these vile bodies shine,
And every shape and every face
Look heavenly and divine.
- 5 These lively hopes we owe
To Jesus' dying love ;
We would adore His grace below,
And sing His power above.
- 6 Dear Lord, accept the praise
Of these our humble songs,
Till tunes of nobler sounds we raise
With our immortal tongues.

443

Death of a Saint.

C. M.

- W**HY do we mourn departing friends,
Or shake at death's alarms ?
'Tis but the voice that Jesus sends
To call them to His arms.
- 2 Are we not tending upward too,
As fast as time can move ?
Nor would we wish the hours more slow
To keep us from our love.
- 3 Why should we tremble to convey
Their bodies to the tomb ?
There the dear flesh of Jesus lay ;
There hopes immortal bloom.
- 4 The graves of all the saints He blessed,
And softened every bed :
Where should the dying members rest
But with the dying Head ?

RESURRECTION.

444

Certainty of Resurrection.

L. M.

SHALL man, O God of light and life,
For ever moulder in the grave?
Canst Thou forget Thy glorious work,
Thy promise and Thy power to save?

2 Shall life revisit dying worms,
And spread the joyful insect's wing!
And oh shall man awake no more
To see Thy face, Thy name to sing?

3 Cease, cease, ye vain desponding fears!
When Christ, our Lord, from darkness
sprang,
Death, the last foe, was captive led,
And heaven with praise and wonder
rang.

4 Him the first fruits, his chosen sons
Shall follow from the vanquished grave:
He mounts His throne, the King of kings,
His Church to quicken and to save.

5 Faith sees the bright, eternal doors
Unfold to make His children way;
They shall be clothed with endless life,
And shine in everlasting day.

6 The trump shall sound, the dust awake;
From the cold tomb the slumberers
spring;
Through heaven with joy their myriads
rise,
And hail their Saviour and their King.

445

Hope in Resurrection.

C. M.

THROUGH sorrow's night and danger's
 path,
 Amid the deepening gloom,
 We soldiers of an injured King
 Are marching to the tomb.

2 There, when the turmoil is no more,
 And all our powers decay,
 Our cold remains in solitude
 Shall sleep the years away.

3 Our labors done, securely laid
 In this our last retreat,
 Unheeded o'er our silent dust
 The storms of life shall beat.

4 Yet not thus lifeless, thus inane,
 The vital spark shall lie,
 For o'er life's wreck that spark shall rise
 To seek its kindred sky.

5 These ashes too, this little dust,
 Our Father's care shall keep,
 Till the last angel rise, and break
 The long and dreary sleep.

6 Then love's soft dew o'er every eye
 Shall shed its mildest rays,
 And the long silent dust shall burst
 With songs of endless praise.

446

Behold, He Cometh!

P. M., 8, 7.

LO! He comes, with clouds descending,
 Once for favored sinners slain;
 Thousand thousand saints attending,
 Swell the triumph of His train:
 Hallelujah!
 God appears on earth to reign.

- 2 Every eye shall now behold Him
 Robed in dreadful majesty ;
 Those who set at naught and sold Him,
 Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
 Deeply wailing,
 Shall the true Messiah see.
- 3 All the tokens of His passion
 Still His dazzling body bears :
 Cause of endless exultation
 To His ransomed worshipers ;
 With what rapture
 Gaze we on those glorious scars !
- 4 Yea, Amen ! let all adore Thee,
 High on Thine eternal throne ;
 Saviour, take the power and glory ;
 Make Thy righteous sentence known ;
 Jah ! Jehovah !
 Claim the kingdom for Thine own.

- AND will the Judge descend ?
 A And must the dead arise ?
 And not a single soul escape
 His all-discerning eyes ?
- 2 And from His righteous lips
 Shall this dread sentence sound,
 And, through the numerous guilty throng,
 Spread black despair around ?—
- 3 “ Depart from me, accursed,
 To everlasting flame,
 For rebel angels first prepared,
 Where mercy never came.”
- 4 How will my heart endure
 The terrors of that day,

When earth and heaven, before His face,
Astonished, shrink away?

5 But ere that trumpet shakes
The mansions of the dead,
Hark, from the gospel's cheering sound,
What joyful tidings spread!

6 Ye sinners, seek His grace,
Whose wrath ye cannot bear;
Fly to the shelter of His cross,
And find salvation there.

7 So shall that curse remove
By which the Saviour bled;
And the last awful day shall pour
His blessings on your head.

448

Day of Judgment.

P. M., 8, 7.

DAY of judgment—day of wonders!
Hark!—the trumpet's awful sound,
Louder than a thousand thunders,
Shakes the vast creation round!
How the summons
Will the sinner's heart confound!

2 See the Judge, our nature wearing,
Clothed in majesty divine!
You, who long for His appearing,
Then shall say, "This God is mine!"
Gracious Saviour,
Own me in that day for Thine!

3 At His call the dead awaken,
Rise to life from earth and sea;
All the powers of nature, shaken
By His looks, prepare to flee:
Careless sinner,
What will then become of thee?

449 *Judgment Day. P. M., 8, 7, 8, 7, 8, 8, 7.*

GREAT God, what do I see and hear!
G The end of things created!
 The Judge of mankind doth appear,
 On clouds of glory seated:
 The trumpet sounds; the graves restore
 The dead whom they contained before;
 Prepare, my soul, to meet Him.

2 The dead in Christ shall first arise
 At the last trumpet's sounding,
 Caught up to meet Him in the skies,
 With joy their Lord surrounding
 No gloomy fears their souls dismay,
 His presence sheds eternal day
 On those prepared to meet Him.

3 But sinners filled with guilty fears,
 Behold His wrath prevailing,
 For they shall rise, and find their tears
 And sighs are unavailing;
 The day of grace is past and gone;
 Trembling they stand before the throne,
 All unprepared to meet Him.

4 Great God, what do I see and hear!
 The end of things created!
 The Judge of mankind doth appear,
 On clouds of glory seated:
 Beneath His cross I view the day
 When heaven and earth shall pass away!
 Prepare, my soul, to meet Him.

HELL.

450 *Awful Reality of Hell.* L. M.

HELL! 'tis a word of dreadful sound;
 It chills the heart and shocks the ear;
 It spreads a sickly damp around,
 And makes the guilty quake with fear.

- 2 Far from the utmost verge of day,
 Its frightful, gloomy region lies;
 Fierce flames amidst the darkness play,
 And thick sulphureous vapors rise.
- 3 Conscience, the never-dying worm,
 With constant torture gnaws the heart,
 And woe and wrath, in every form,
 Inflamm the wounds, increase the smart.
- 4 The wretches rave, o'erwhelmed with woe,
 And bite their everlasting chains;
 But with their rage their torments grow,
 Resentment but augments their pains.
- 5 Sad world indeed! what heart can bear,
 Hopeless, in all these pains to lie,
 Racked with vexation, grief, despair,
 And ever-dying, never die?
- 6 "Lord, save a guilty soul from hell,
 Who seeks Thy pardoning, cleansing blood,
 Oh let me in Thy kingdom dwell,
 To praise my Saviour and my God."

451

Hell.

P. M., 7.

- OH that day, that day of ire,
 Told of prophet, when in fire
 Shall a world dissolved expire!
- 2 Oh what trembling agony,
 When His coming shall be nigh,
 Who shall all things judge and try!
- 3 When the trumpet's thrilling tone,
 Through the tombs of ages gone,
 Summons all before the throne.
- 4 Death and Nature stand aghast,
 When all creatures, at the blast,
 Rise to answer for the past.

- 5 Open then the book shall lie,
All o'erwrit for every eye,
With a world's iniquity.
- 6 Then the Judge shall sit!—oh then
All that's hid shall be made plain,
Unrequited naught remain.
- 7 What then, wretched! shall I plead,
Who for me shall intercede,
When the righteous scarce is freed?
- 8 King of awful majesty!
Saving souls in mercy free;
Fount of pity, save Thou me!
- 9 Oh remember, Lord, I pray,
I the cause was of Thy way;
Do not lose me on that day!

HEAVEN.

452

The Society of Heaven.

C. M.

- JERUSALEM! my happy home!
Name ever dear to me!
When shall my labors have an end
In joy and peace and thee?
- 2 When shall these eyes thy heaven-built walls
And pearly gates behold?
Thy bulwarks with salvation strong,
And streets of shining gold?
- 3 Oh when, thou city of my God,
Shall I thy courts ascend,
Where congregations ne'er break up,
And Sabbaths have no end?

- 4 There happier bowers than Eden's bloom,
Nor sin nor sorrow know:
Blest seats! through rude and stormy scenes
I onward press to you.
- 5 Why should I shrink at pain and woe?
Or feel at death dismay?
I've Canaan's goodly land in view,
And realms of endless day.
- 6 Apostles, martyrs, prophets, there,
Around my Saviour stand;
And soon my friends in Christ below
Will join the glorious band.
- 7 Jerusalem! my happy home!
My soul still pants for thee;
Then shall my labors have an end,
When I the joys shall see.

453

The Saints in Heaven.

P. M., 7.

WHO are these in bright array,
This innumerable throng,
Round the altar night and day,
Tuning their triumphant song?—
“Worthy is the Lamb, once slain,
Blessing, honor, glory, power,
Wisdom, riches, to obtain
New dominion every hour.”

- 2 These through fiery trials trod;
These from great affliction came;
Now, before the throne of God,
Sealed with His eternal name.
Clad in raiment pure and white,
Victor palms in every hand,
Through their great Redeemer's might,
More than conquerors they stand.

- 3 Hunger, thirst, disease unknown,
On immortal fruits they feed :
Them the Lamb amidst the throne
Shall to living fountains lead.
Joy and gladness banish sighs ;
Perfect love dispels their fears ;
And for ever from their eyes
God shall wipe away their tears.

454

The Heavenly Canaan.

C. M.

- THERE is a land of pure delight,
Where saints immortal reign ;
Infinite day excludes the night,
And pleasures banish pain.
- 2 There everlasting spring abides,
And never-withering flowers :
Death, like a narrow sea, divides
This heavenly land from ours.
- 3 Sweet fields, beyond the swelling flood,
Stand dressed in living green ;
So to the Jews old Canaan stood
While Jordan rolled between.
- 4 But timorous mortals start, and shrink
To cross this narrow sea ;
And linger, shivering, on the brink,
And fear to launch away.
- 5 Oh could we make our doubts remove,
These gloomy doubts that rise,
And view the Canaan that we love
With unclouded eyes,—
- 6 Could we but climb where Moses stood,
And view the landscape o'er,
Not Jordan's stream, nor death's cold flood,
Should fright us from the shore.

455

Heavenly Rest.

C. P. M.

THERE is an hour of peaceful rest,
To mourning wanderers given ;
There is a joy for souls distressed,
A balm for every wounded breast—
'Tis found above—in heaven.

- 2 There is a soft, a downy bed,
'Tis fair as breath of even ;
A couch for weary mortals spread,
Where they may rest the aching head,
And find repose in heaven.
- 3 There is a home for weary souls,
By sin and sorrow driven ;
When tossed on life's tempestuous shoals,
Where storms arise and ocean rolls,
And all is drear but heaven.
- 4 There faith lifts up her cheerful eye,
To brighter prospects given ;
And views the tempest passing by,
The evening shadows quickly fly,
And all serene in heaven.
- 5 There fragrant flowers immortal bloom,
And joys supreme are given ;
There joys divine disperse the gloom :—
Beyond the confines of the tomb
Appears the dawn of heaven.

456 *"Sowing in Tears—Reaping in Joy."* C. M.

THERE is an hour of hallowed peace
For those with care oppressed,
When sighs and sorrowing tears shall cease,
And all be hushed to rest :

- 2 'Tis then the soul is freed from fears,
And doubts that here annoy :

Then they that oft had sown in tears
Shall reap again in joy.

3 There is a home of sweet repose,
Where storms assail no more;
The stream of endless pleasure flows
On that celestial shore:

4 There purity with love appears,
And bliss without alloy;
There they that oft had sown in tears
Shall reap eternal joy.

457 *Bliss of Heaven.* P. M., 11, 5.

TRANQUIL and peaceful is the path of
heaven,
Where now so many, fresh from earth's ripe
vintage
So many happy, high and blessed spirits
Wait to receive us.

2 There life is blissful! shall the spirit tremble?
Bright, heavenly angels wait to lead us
yonder;
There dwell the spirits purified by suffering,
Blessing and blessed.

3 There our lost rosebuds in our hands shall
open;
Love, pure and holy, in our bosoms glowing,
Flows from the Father, source of every
blessing,
Living and loving.

458 *Anticipation of Heaven.* C. M.

COME, Lord, and warm each languid heart.
Inspire each lifeless tongue;
And let the joys of heaven impart
Their influence to our song.

- 2 Sorrow, and pain, and every care,
And discord there shall cease;
And perfect joy, and love sincere,
Adorn the realms of peace.
- 3 The soul, from sin for ever free,
Shall mourn its power no more,
But, clothed in spotless purity,
Redeeming love adore.
- 4 There on a throne (how dazzling bright!)
Th' exalted Saviour shines;
And beams ineffable delight
On all the heavenly minds.
- 5 There shall the followers of the Lamb
Join in immortal songs,
And endless honors to his name
Employ their tuneful tongues.
- 6 Lord, tune our hearts to praise and love,
Our feeble notes inspire;
Till, in Thy blissful courts above,
We join th' angelic choir.

DISMISSIONS.

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P. M., 8, 7.

- L**ORD, dismiss us with Thy blessing—
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Thy love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace;
Oh refresh us!
Traveling through this wilderness.
- 2 Thanks we give, and adoration,
For Thy gospel's joyful sound;
May the fruits of Thy salvation
In our hearts and lives abound:
May Thy presence
With us evermore be found.

- 3 So, whene'er the signal's given,
 Us from earth to call away,
 Borne on angels' wings to heaven,
 Glad to leave our cumbrous clay,
 May we, ready,
 Rise and reign in endless day!

460

Reunion in Heaven.

P. M., 6, 5.

- WHEN shall we meet again?
 Meet ne'er to sever?
 When will peace wreathe her chain
 Round us for ever?
 Our hearts will ne'er repose
 Safe from each blast that blows
 In this dark vale of woes,
 Never, no, never!
- 2 When shall love freely flow
 Pure as life's river?
 When shall sweet friendship glow,
 Changeless for ever?
 Where the joys celestial thrill,
 Where bliss each heart shall fill,
 And fears of parting chill
 Never—no, never!
- 3 Up to that world of light
 Take us, dear Saviour;
 May we all there unite,
 Happy for ever;
 Where kindred spirits dwell,
 There may our music swell,
 And time our joys dispel
 Never—no, never!
- 4 Soon shall we meet again,
 Meet ne'er to sever;
 Soon shall peace wreath her chain
 Round us for ever;

Our hearts will then repose
 Secure from worldly woes ;
 Our songs of praise shall close
 Never—no, never !

461

At Parting.

P. M., 7.

WHEN shall we all meet again ?
 When shall we all meet again ?
 Oft shall glowing hope expire ;
 Oft shall wearied love retire,
 Oft shall death and sorrow reign,
 Ere we all shall meet again.

2 Though on foreign shore we sigh,
 Far remote our native sky ;
 Though the depths between us roll,
 Hope shall anchor there our soul,
 And in faith's well-known domain,
 Within the veil, we'll meet again.

3 When the dreams of life are fled,
 When its wasted lamps are dead,
 When in cold oblivion's shade
 Beauty, wealth and fame are laid,
 Where immortal spirits reign,
 Thither soar, to meet again !

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Dismission.

L. M.

CHRISTIANS and brethren ! ere we part,
 Join every voice and every heart ;
 One solemn hymn to God we'll raise,
 One final song of grateful praise.

2 Christians ! we here may meet no more,
 But there is yet a happier shore ;
 And there, released from toil and pain,
 Dear brethren, we shall meet again.

- 3 Now to our God, the Three in One,
Be everlasting glory done;
Raise ye, His saints, the sound again,
Ye nations, join the loud Amen.

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At Parting.

S. M.

ONCE more, before we part,
Great God, attend our prayer,
And seal the gospel on the heart
Of all assembled here.

- 2 And if we meet no more
On Zion's holy ground,
Oh may we reach that blissful shore
Whither Thy saints are bound.

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Prayer at Parting.

L. M.

ERE to the world again we go,
Its pleasures, cares and idle show,
Thy grace, once more, O God, we crave,
From folly and from sin to save.

- 2 May the great truths we here have heard—
The lessons of Thy holy word—
Dwell in our inmost bosoms deep,
And all our souls from error keep.
- 3 Oh may the influence of this day
Long as our memory with us stay,
And as an angel guardian prove,
To guide us to our home above.

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P. M., 8, 7.

MAY the grace of Christ our Saviour,
And the Father's boundless love,
With the Holy Spirit's favor,
Rest upon us from above.

- 2 Thus may we abide in union
 With each other and the Lord,
 And possess, in sweet communion,
 Joys which earth cannot afford.

DOXOLOGIES.

- 1 L. M.
PRAISE God, from whom all blessings
 flow,
 Praise Him all creatures here below;
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

- 2 C. M.
NOW let the Father and the Son
 And Spirit be adored,
 Where there are works to make Him
 known,
 Or saints to love the Lord.

- 3 S. M.
YE angels round the throne,
 And saints that dwell below,
 Worship the Father, praise the Son,
 And bless the Spirit too.

- 4 P. M., 7.
SING we to our God above,
 Praise eternal as His love;
 Praise Him, all ye heavenly host,
 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

- 5 P. M., 8, 7.
GREAT Jehovah! we adore Thee,
 God the Father—God the Son—
 God the Spirit—joined in glory
 On the same eternal throne;
 Endless praises
 To Jehovah, three in one.

6 P. M., 8, 7.

TO Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
While angels bow before Him,
With joy let all the ransomed host
Sing praises and adore Him.

7 P. M., 8, 7.

PRAISE the God of our salvation ;
Praise the Father's boundless love ;
Praise the Lamb, our expiation ;
Praise the Spirit from above,—
Author of the new creation,—
Him by whom our spirits live ;
Undivided adoration
To the one Jehovah give.

8 P. M., 8.

ALL praise to the Father, the Son,
And Spirit, thrice holy and blest,
Th' eternal, supreme Three in One,
Was, is, and shall still be addressed.

9 P. M., 7, 6.

ALL ye who grace inherit,
The God of grace adore !
To Father, Son, and Spirit
Give praise for evermore !
Of mercies here, the treasure
Demands our praise and love ;
And praise shall be our pleasure
Before His throne above.

10 H. M.

TO God the Father's throne
Your highest honors raise ;
Glory to God the Son ;
To God the Spirit praise ;
With all our powers, eternal King,
Thy name we sing, while faith adores.

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L. P. M.

NOW to the great and sacred Three,
 The Father, Son and Spirit, be
 Eternal praise and glory given,—
 Through all the worlds where God is known,
 By all the angels near the throne,
 And all the saints in earth and heaven!

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C. P. M.

TO Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
 The God whom heaven's triumphant host
 And saints on earth adore,
 Be glory as in ages past,
 As now it is, and so shall last
 When time shall be no more.

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P. M., 11.

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 With Christ and the Spirit, one God, ever
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THE CONSTITUTION

OF THE

UNITED SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE SOUTH.

IN the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

I. NAME.

The name of this body shall be The United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

II. DOCTRINAL BASIS.

The Doctrinal Basis of the organization shall be,

1. The Holy Scriptures, the Inspired Writings of the Old and New Testaments, the only standard of doctrine and church discipline.

2. As a true and faithful exhibition of the doctrines of the Holy Scriptures in regard to matters of faith and practice, the three Ancient Symbols, the Apostolic, the Nicene, and the Athanasian Creeds, and the Unaltered Augsburg Confession of Faith; also, the other Symbolical Books of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, viz.: The Apology, the Smalcald Articles, the Smaller and Larger Catechisms of Luther, and the Formula of Concord, consisting of the Epitome and Full Declaration, as they are set forth, defined, and published in the Christian Book of Concord, or the Symbolical Books of the Lutheran Church, published in

the year 1580 (see the Epitome, *Of the Compendious Rule and Standard*, and the *Solid Declaration—Preface*), as true and Scriptural developments of the doctrines taught in the Augsburg Confession, and in the perfect harmony of one and the same pure, Scriptural faith.

III. OBJECT AND AIM.

The object and aim of the United Synod shall be outward expression of the spiritual unity of the Synods concerned; mutual strengthening in faith and confession; unification of all Lutherans in one orthodox faith, and mutual co-operation in the promotion of the more general interests of the Church; as, books of worship, liturgies, theological seminaries, charitable institutions, immigrant missions, foreign missions, and important home missionary operations.

IV. COMPONENTS OF THE BODY.

1. This body shall consist of delegates from all Evangelical Lutheran Synods, having adopted this Constitution, who may present themselves properly accredited by the presiding officers of their Synods.

2. These delegates shall be chosen in the following ratio: one Minister and one Lay-Delegate for every one thousand communicants or fraction thereof.

3. A majority of the delegates elected, provided a majority of the Synods are thereby represented, shall constitute a quorum.

V. OFFICERS.

1. The officers of the United Synod shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. They shall be elected by ballot. Ministers alone shall be eligible to the offices of President and Vice-President, but both clerical and lay delegates to those of Secretary and Treasurer. No one shall be elected President for more than two conventions in succession.

2. The President shall act as chairman of the convention. He may give his opinion, and, whenever the delegates shall be equally divided upon any question, he shall have the casting vote. He shall subscribe all letters, written advices, resolutions, and proceedings of the body. In extraordinary cases, and by request of any one of the Synods belonging to this organization, made known to him in the form of a Synodical resolution, he may call special conventions of the body, of which not less than six weeks' notice shall be given.

3. If, for any cause, the President is unable to discharge his duties, the Vice-President shall take his place.

4. The Secretary shall keep a journal of the proceedings of this United Synod, and write, attest, and take care of all its documents. He shall also make known the time and place of meetings through the Church papers, published within the bounds of the body, at least three months beforehand. In case of special conventions, such as provided for in Section 2 of this Article, he shall make known the time and place of meeting as soon as informed by the President. Should the duties of the Secretary become too burdensome for one person, the President, at his suggestion, may appoint an assistant Secretary.

5. The Treasurer shall keep an account of the receipts and expenditures of the body. He shall give receipts for all funds put into his hands. He shall make no disbursements except by resolution of the United Synod, and upon the written order of the President, attested by the Secretary. At every convention he shall render an account.

6. Should any officer of this body, in the interim of its regular conventions, depart this life, resign his office, or become incapable of executing the same, then

the other officers shall appoint some capable and faithful man to serve in his place until the next regular meeting—save in the case otherwise provided for in Section 3 of this Article.

VI. POWERS.

The powers of the body shall be only of advisory and recommendatory character in all matters, except such as pertain to the general interests or operations of the Church, as already indicated in Article III. In regard to these it shall be invested with such powers as the Synods composing it may delegate to it. In its operations it shall not interfere with the legitimate work of the Synods in its connection.

VII. BY-LAWS.

This body shall make such By-Laws as it may deem necessary. No By-Law, however, shall be adopted which conflicts with any article of this Constitution.

VIII. AMENDMENTS.

1. The Doctrinal Basis of this Constitution shall ever remain unaltered.

2. No alteration of other parts of this Constitution shall be made except with the consent of two-thirds of the Synods connected with this organization. An exact copy of the intended alterations must be sent by the Secretary to the Presidents of the District Synods in connection with the body, with the request that they submit them to their respective Synods for decision. If, at the next convention, it shall appear that two-thirds of the District Synods are in favor of the alteration, it shall be declared adopted.

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